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'USCIS delay stalls long-term plans'

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ith the delay in the release of new guidelines for the CNMI-Only Tran- Cavanagh sitional Worker Program, local busi-

nesses consequently have to postpone their long-term plans, according to Hotel Association

of the Northern Mariana Islands president Gloria Cavanagh.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has yet to release the new regulations based on the Northern Mariana Is-

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'Marijuana prohibition to end'

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Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero believes that marijuana prohibition in the U.S. would soon end, as more states have legalized the use of cannabis—either medically, recreationally, or both. There are currently 33 states where medical



Guerrero

cannabis is legal with a doctor's prescription, 14 others have laws that limit the contents of possession while 10 have legalized recre-

"I see it like it was, when in the 1930s there was alcohol prohibition. And look at where we are today. My prediction, eventually,

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Mayor's office collects over 100K cubic yards of Yutu debris

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The Saipan Mayor's Office per Typhoon Yutu in late collected over 100,000 cu-

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Yutu ravaged Saipan and Ti- a week, from Monday to and trees; construction de-

Saturday and collected as much as 1,000 cubic yards of waste daily.

The mayor's office is in charge of collecting green The office works six days waste or plants, logs, leaves,

bris such as lumber, drywall, plywood, concrete, plumbing, carpets, furniture, broken windows, and mattresses; and metal debris such as tin roofing.

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Dr. Al-Alou sues engineering company

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Dr. Ahmad Al-Alou is suing an engineering company after its principal engineer allegedly lied about being a certified structural engineer and refusing to perform load calculation for a portion of the doctor's building in Garapan despite receiving an initial

payment of \$8,500.

Springs Development Inc., through its president Al-Alou, filed a complaint for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, fraud, and violation of Consumer Protection Act against YS Engineering before the Superior Court.

Springs Development, through counsel Robert T. Torres, asked the court to hold YS

Engineering liable to pay for damages, penalties, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Springs Development requested the court to issue an order directing YS Engineering to return all Torres plans and documents

that the company submitted for the purpose of engaging



its services.

When asked for comments about the lawsuit, YS Engineering principal Yoonsik Lee said that Al-Alou "is a liar" and is destroying his reputation.

Lee said he never told the doctor that he is a structural engineer. He said,

however, as a professional engineer in California and in the CNMI, he can do structural engineering services.

Lee said he explained to Al-Alou that since they put more load on the second floor of the building, it is affecting the footing of the structure.

Lee said if the footing is not increased, the building will collapse.

He questioned the bid for him to return the \$8,500, saying he already performed more than 50 percent of the scope of work.

Springs Development is currently renovating the second floor of the Springs Plaza building on Chalan Pale Arnold Road or Middle Road.

According to Torres in the complaint, the construction and renovation of Springs Plaza requires the company to submit load calculations for the second floor of the building and provide a report that is to be received by the Department of Public Works to determine compliance with the Commonwealth Building Safety Code.

Torres said that on Oct. 3, 2018, plaintiff sought the services of YS Engineering to perform structural assessments of the second floor portion of Springs Plaza and to provide a load calculation to be submitted to DPW.

Springs Development, through its president and sole shareholder, Al-Alou, met with YS Engineering's principal engineer, Lee.

Al-Alou signed YS Engineering's written proposal, offering such services "to conduct structural assessment in regards to the reconstructed building and design of new construction" of the second floor of Springs Plaza.

The proposal incorporates a service fee for the entire project of \$17,000 to be paid in two installments: 50 percent of the service fee shall be paid upon the signing of the proposal; the remaining 50 percent shall be paid upon the completion of the letter report.

Torres said Springs Development paid the defendant \$8,500 on Oct. 3, 2018.

Torres said that Lee represented to Al-Alou throughout the progress of the project that he is a certified structural engineer.

Torres said that on Oct. 13, 2018, Al-Alou met with Lee at Lee's office to discuss the progress of YS Engineering's services.

During the meeting, the lawyer said, Lee proposed substantial change orders, which expanded the scope of services to be provided under the proposal and increased the service fees originally agreed upon by parties.

Torres said Lee insisted that he must excavate the foundations of the footing of the first floor and its retaining wall in order for him to conduct an independent verification of strength and type of materials used.

Torres said Lee's unprecedented proposal disregarded the finding of suitability of the existing building structure as indicated in the original plan that was approved by DPW.

At the end of the meeting, Lee allegedly refused to perform the load calculation and declined to continue work.

Around the same time, Torres said, Al-Alou discovered that Lee only received a certification of license in civil engineering and not in structural engineering.

On Oct. 23, 2018, Al-Alou, through counsel, inquired with the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing regarding Lee's status as a certified CNMI structural engineer.

Torres said YS Engineering and Lee do not possess a CNMI structural engineer license, but were listed only as a certified CNMI civil engineer.

Instead, he said, Lee is scheduled to take his structural engineer licensing exam on Oct. 26, 2018.

On Oct. 23, 2018, plaintiff served YS Engineering a demand letter for the refund of \$8,500 as initial deposit for project proposal and for misrepresentation, breach of contract, and unjust enrichment.

Torres said YS Engineering has refused to reimburse Springs Development.

Torres said Lee is "purposefully and intentionally acting to cause plaintiff to expend substantial and additional monies for the project by making unsubstantiated, irrelevant, and impossible demands that is outside the scope of the proposal."

Torres said Lee's inability to perform load calculations constitutes a breach.

He said YS Engineering has been unjustly enriched by its unlawful retention of \$8,500.

The lawyer said Lee knew that his representation that he was a licensed structural engineer was false when he made it.

"Defendant has engaged in unfair and deceptive practice in its representation to plaintiff regarding its certification, quality, and standard of services as well as implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing," Torres said.

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Woman allegedly stabs man after he reportedly assaulted her

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kimberly_bautista@saipantribune.com REPORTER

A man who was allegedly stabbed by his girlfriend after he reportedly assaulted

her with a rifle has pleaded not guilty to all the charges against him.

Contests set for Tinian Hot Pepper Festival

The 15th Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on Feb. 16-17, 2019, will feature several contests offering cash and other prizes.

On Feb. 16, chefs of all caliber are invited to showcase their skills in the Katdon Pika Cooking Contest at 3pm. Katdun pika is an indigenous Chamorro stew featuring chicken and hot pepper. Cash prizes are \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$75 for third place. The JC Café Pika Burger Eating Contest at 5pm will challenge competitors to see who can finish the most number of hot pepper-laced burgers in 30 minutes, with the winner walking away with \$100 cash and a Samsung J6 Pro with three months free service from IT&E. At 7pm, children ages 12 and under can join the umang (hermit crab) race, with the top three finishers receiving Marianas Visitors Authority giveaways. On the first day of the festival, judging will also take place at 1pm for the best-decorated booth at the festival site at Kammer Beach, with first place winning \$300 cash, second place winning \$200 cash, and third place winning \$100 cash; the three winners will also get a free booth at the 2020 festival.

Contests will continue on Feb. 17 with the judging of the hot pepper *mwar*-making (flower head lei) taking place at 11am. The first place winner will receive the IT&E phone package.

"The Hot Pepper Eating Contest at 1pm on Sunday is going to be one of the highlights of the weekend and unlike anything we've had before," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "We will be challenging up to five contestants age 18 and older to six rounds of increasingly hot pepper varieties from around the world, including Tinian's famous donni sali. We're interested to see who can handle it! If multiple contestants pass all six rounds, we will resume with more rounds of peppers until only one man or woman is left standing. It's winner take all!"

The winner will receive \$500 cash and the IT&E

phone package.

The Pika Wing Eating Contest at 3pm is also for contestants ages 18 and up and will challenge them to see who can eat the most number of wings in 15 minutes. First place wins \$100 cash and the IT&E phone prize package, but anyone who can finish 30 wings in the allotted time will win an increased grand prize of \$500 cash and the phone prize package. If more than one contestant finishes 30 wings in the allotted time, contestants will enter a "sudden death" round; the qualified contestants will each receive 15 minutes to see who can eat the most number of wings. Eventually, only one winner will earn the grand prize of \$500 cash plus the phone prize package, or the \$100 cash prize plus the phone prize package.

Single elimination tug-ofwar will start at 5pm, with the winning team of 10 receiving MVA giveaways. At 7pm, the top three couples in the Cha Cha Dance Off will also receive MVA giveaways.

Contestants can sign up for the contests by visiting the MVA offices on Saipan or Tinian or at the MVA booth at the festival grounds. Contestants will be selected on a first come, first serve basis, so early registration is encouraged. Other activities during the weekend will include live entertainment, a variety of local dishes for sale, and indigenous craft sales.

The festival will be from 2pm to 9pm on Feb. 16 and from 10am to 9pm on Feb. 17.

The 65K Pika Bike Race will be held on Feb. 16 at 6am and will begin and end at the festival site at Kammer Beach. To register for the 65K Pika Bike Race and avail of free ferry on Feb. 15, bikers may contact Alex Gozon at alexgozon@ yahoo.com or 234-5416 or Dawn Sarmiento at dawnsarmiento@yahoo.com. Bikers from Saipan who register for the race will be able to travel on the Feb. 15 ferry to Tinian at 5pm

The MVA will offer ferry service between Tinian and Saipan on Feb. 15-18, 2018.

The ferry schedule is: Feb. 15, departing Saipan at 5pm and departing Tinian that evening; Feb. 16, departing Saipan at 9am and departing Tinian at 4pm; Feb. 17, departing Saipan at 9am and departing Tinian at 4pm; and Feb. 18, departing Saipan at 8am and departing Tinian at 12pm The Super Emerald ferry will depart from the Commonwealth Ports Authority dock in Lower Base, passengers and must check in one hour before departure.

Ferry round trip cost is \$25 for ages 3-11, \$35 for ages 12 and older, and free for children ages 0-2. For one way, the cost is \$10 for ages 3-11, \$18 for ages 12 and older, and free for children ages 0-2. Advance ticket purchase is required and will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. Ticket purchases may be made at the MVA Office on Tinian or Saipan. Cash payments only will be accepted.

The event is co-organized by the Tinian Mayor's Office and Tinian Municipal Council and sponsored by Bicycling Association of Tinian and MVA members. Campgrounds are open to the public at Kammer Beach, which has restrooms, outdoor showers, and five pavilions with sinks and barbecue grills. Available hotels on island are Tinian Ocean View and Lorilynn's Hotel. Air service from Saipan to Tinian is provided by Star Marianas. Airport shuttle will be offered by the MVA to and from the festival site, which will be in San Jose village.

For more information on the Tinian Hot Pepper Festival, visit The Marianas Calendar at www.mymarianas. com or the MVA Facebook page, call the MVA Tinian office at 433-9365, or email MVA Tinian field supervisor Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com. (MVA)



For more information, please Call 234-9229 and ask for Wang Located in Beach Road, Susupe, 1st Floor, peten Commercial Bldg. next to Zoom Chick

Anthony B. Cepeda, 48, who faces three charges after he allegedly hit his girlfriend with the butt of a rifle, pleaded not guilty yesterday to all three charges: assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace

Cepeda, through his courtappointed lawyer, asked for a jury trial and is scheduled to have a status conference on March 7.

The case is before Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja.

According to court information, police responded to a reported stabbing incident on Dec. 23, 2018, at 11:55am involving Cepeda and his girlfriend. Police and medics responded and met with a male, later identified as Cepeda. Cepeda had a small laceration under his left armpit but he refused medical treatment. He claimed he was the victim in the incident, but further investigation alleged that Cepeda's girlfriend stabbed him after he allegedly assaulted her with the butt of a rifle.

A female at the scene, who later identified herself as Cepeda's girlfriend, reportedly appeared to have scratch marks on her lower extremity, according to police observation.

Cepeda told police that his girlfriend pushed him out and tried to lock him out of their home. Cepeda said he then shoved the door open, walked over to his girlfriend, and shouted profanities at

Cepeda's girlfriend told police that after the verbal altercation, he entered the residence and took what appeared to be a rifle and pointed it at her.

Cepeda's girlfriend continued to tell police that Cepeda later turned the rifle on its butt and proceeded to hit her legs with it about 10 times.

Cepeda's girlfriend told police that she was in so much pain and was shouting at Cepeda to stop and in an attempt to stop him from hitting her, she grabbed what was believed to be a knife and swung at Cepeda, causing him to stop hitting her and allowing her to run.

Fajardo first to file candidacy for special election

Mariano DLG Fajardo, an independent candidate, had filed his candidacy before the Commonwealth Election Commission for the special election for a vacant Precinct 3 seat in the House of Representatives.

CEC executive director Julita Villagomez disclosed yesterday that Fajardo submitted his nominating petition and candidacy documents last Friday, making him the first candidate to do so.

Villagomez said Fajardo was accompanied by his wife and his committee-to-elect.

Fajardo landed ninth place among the 12 candidates for Precinct 3 during the general election last Nov. 13. There are six Precinct 3 seats.

With the passing of representative Francisco D. Dela Cruz last month, a special election will be held on March 23 to fill the vacant seat.

Dela Cruz landed fifth in the election.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez, an independent, obtained the highest number of votes. Former representative Donald Cabrera Barcinas got the seventh position.

As of last Jan. 28, there were 3,361 registered voters for Precinct 3. (Ferdie de la

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Man in sex abuse of a minor case pleads not guilty

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A man who allegedly sexually abused a minor pleaded not guilty yesterday to all the charges.

Benjamin Mafnas Hattori, 41, entered a plea of not guilty before Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja.

Hattori, through assistant public defender Nancy Daminski, asked for a speedy trial and was scheduled for mation, Hattori inappropria status conference before Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio on March 7.

The Superior Court believes that the crimes of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, violation of the sex offender registry, and domestic violence: disturbing the peace was committed and that Hattori may have committed them. According to court inforately touched a 14-year-old girl and lived in a household where minors were present despite it being prohibited under the CNMI Sex Offender Registry Act. Hattori is a registered sex offender.

In a declaration of probable cause, detective Rosa T. Rios states that on Dec. 12, 2018 at 3:41pm, police officers responded to a reported child abuse complaint.

with the complainant who looked upset and informed police that she was Hattori's girlfriend.

The complainant told police that she learned that day that Hattori had touched the victim inappropriately on Nov. 21, 2018.

Preliminary reports later indicate that on Nov. 22, 2018, at around 1am, the victim said she woke up to see

Upon arrival, police met Hattori touching her thighs. Hattori allegedly saw the victim wake up and kissed the victim and left.

Hattori later returned and continued to inappropriately touch the victim and made the victim scared.

Hattori's bail was set at \$25,000 and remains in Department of Corrections' custody.

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The mayor's office averaged at least 896.2 cubic yards per day since Oct. 26, 2018.

"We are trying to do as much as we can. We are trying to clean up all the villages," said Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang. "This is one of the reasons we give the people a deadline to start getting all their debris out for Feb. 10, 2019."

Apatang reiterated that beyond the Feb. 10, 2019, deadline for Super Typhoon Yutu debris, homeowners will be on their own in terms of getting rid of the waste.

"We are always encouraging our people to clean up so we can do things all at once," he said. Apatang noted that his office has been working with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, along with the Bureau of Environmen-

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tal and Coastal Quality, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Labor, and even the Department of Public Works.

"We continue to ask the people in our community to... work together and try and get rid of all this typhoon debris," he said.

Joann Aquino, Apatang's director of field operations, told Saipan Tribune that there are over 100 personnel in the field collecting debris. Fifty are from the mayor's office, 30 are from the DOL's Workforce Investment Agency, and at least 20 are from the DOC.

She further noted that there are about 28 heavy equipment vehicles in use. She noted some dump trucks—heavy equipment used for transporting—have capacities ranging from 10 to 30 cubic yards per load. The record for the most loads dumped by a mayor's office vehicle in one day is 50.

Aging Office wishes more schools would visit the elderly

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The Saipan Aging Office wishes that more students would visit the elderly in Garapan, even for a short while, similar to the annual Language Immersion Project of the Kagman Elementary School.

At least that's what Aging Office executive director Walter Manglona wishes.

'We...want other schools to also consider joining this type of activity so that we could run

the aspects of trying to pass on information—instead of just education—in terms of history, arts, music, and culture to be able to pass it on the next generation," said Manglona.

About 25 Kindergarten students visited the Aging Office two weeks ago, under the Language Immersion Project of the Public School System, during which Manglona expressed a desire to connect with other schools.

"Right now, KagES had been doing this [Language Immersion Project] while other schools have been coming here from time to time," Manglona said. "But, if they would like to make that [regularly] scheduled, they are free to contact Jackie Limes, our new activities coordinator."

Limes said singing and dancing are some of the possible interactions between the *man'amko* and the students.

The Language Immersion Project is a project funded by a grant from the Association of Native Americans that kicked

off the first three years of the project. According to Patricia Kapileo, project director of the Leliyal Akkabwung Language Immersion Project, PSS has yet to decide whether they would be extending the project to other schools.

"This project is aimed at instilling, promoting, and sustaining our language and our culture. We would like to... continue the project because this is one venue that will keep our dying language and culture," she said.

Reboot: Tonga hopes to restore internet access by weekend

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Authorities in Tonga said Thursday they're hoping people will be able to visit Facebook and YouTube again by the weekend as experts repair the vital undersea cable that connects the Pacific nation to the rest of the world.

Tonga was plunged into virtual darkness 11 days ago when the fiber-optic cable was severed. Initially people lost access to the internet alentirely and couldn't make international phone calls.

Limited access was restored via satellite, but authorities blocked most people from using social media like Facebook to preserve precious bandwidth.

Residents and businesspeople said they've had difficulty doing anything from reading emails to processing credit card payments.

Piveni Piukala, a director of Tonga Cable Ltd. which operates the cable, told The Associated Press that it believes a large ship cut the cable in several places by dragging an anchor along the seabed. He said a domestic cable that connects the main island with some of Tonga's outer islands was cut at the same time.

He said experts on a specialized ship are splicing the cable back together and hope to be finished by Friday afternoon, at which point they can run tests and, barring complications, fully restore the internet over the weekend.

Piukala said it had identified an oil tanker that was in the area when the cable was cut and would work with port authorities and police to determine whether there had been an act of negligence.

He said the repairs are estimated to cost over \$1 million, money the company, which has the government as its major shareholder, can ill afford.

Piukala said he hopes Tonga and other island nations might get together to share the costs of a joint backup plan in the future.

'We don't need a rocket scientist to tell us we need a better plan," he said. "It's a question of funding. The cost of a backup is huge, and for a country like Tonga, we don't have the luxury of money to put aside for a disaster like this. Other priorities are more urgent."

Tonga is home to just over 100,000 people. It exports some agricultural goods but also relies on external aid and remittances from abroad.

Piukala said its first priority had been to restore internet access to critical government agencies and industries like airlines and banks. He said social media was a lower priority.

'We understand people need Facebook, but we cannot talk about luxury things when we are stranded on an island without any food," he said.

Katie Silcock, the general manager of Scenic Hotel Tonga, said it was not able to process credit card payments for several days last week and had some guests cancel, but by Monday, as a priority customer, had its internet fully restored. She said many smaller operators were still without internet access and their businesses were suffering as a result.

"We have a half-finished [luxury notel] building in our Garapan core, and leases are being negotiated where future improvement on infrastructure of certain hotels will be started (crossing our fingers)," said Cavanagh.

"Although the ban is only after," she added.

From Page 1 [that] it is the federal government that is going to have to remove marijuana from a Schedule 1 drug, to making it not illegal," said Leon Guerrero, who made history after becoming Guam's first fe-

male governor. Heroin, LSD, and ecstasy join marijuana as some of the other Schedule 1 drugs that are on the list of substances banned by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Leon Guerrero pointed out that more than 30 U.S. jurisdictions-states and territories—had moved to regulate or loosen some of the restrictions. "There's a conflict between federal laws and state laws; but I think the state laws are going to prevail. I watch it very closely, I think real soon the federal government will be [aligned] with state laws."

Guam has already legalized the medical use of marijuana via a ballot measure on Nov. 4, 2014, while the CNMI legalized both medical and recreational use while also allowing cultivation through a bill that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law on Sept. 21, 2018.

"For us here, especially in Guam, we did pass medicinal marijuana. We do have some struggles with the rules and regulations but I watch it very closely," said Leon Guerrero.

"I'm actually very envious

that the CNMI did it before we did [medicinal and recreational use]. I am very supportive of [cannabis legalization]. Being a nurse, I know the medical benefits of cannabis, [tetrahydrocannabinol], [cannabidiol]."

She added that marijuana can treat several medical conditions and more studies are needed to be done to prove that. "It [marijuana] works to alleviate our people's pain and suffering. It has shown to be very positive for neurological diseases, like epilepsy and multiple sclerosis."

Leon Guerrero said legalizing medical use in Guam also has its birth pains. "The physicians are not willing to prescribe it because it is a Schedule 1 drug. That's one of the barriers. I'm just thinking that if we just legalized it as adult recreational, then a lot of that will be addressed and will help benefit our people (suffering) from those diseases."

A standard must also be in place if adult recreational use is legalized, like with other controlled substances. "We need to put in the same kinds of rules and regulations in terms of regulating alcohol, tobacco, and other substances so it won't get abused"

"It is not like, anybody can just go out there and smoke. Colorado has a really good law; they can't smoke in public. Things like that we can put into the statutes so that there is some regulation. Definitely, we're looking into that."

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2018. USCIS was scheduled to release the new guidelines last Jan. 20-or 180 days after President Donald Trump signed the then-H.R. 5956 into law last July 24, 2018.

Cavanagh, the Pacific Islands Club general manager, told Saipan Tribune that businesses and employers have a lot of employment questions that need to be answered. "This, of course, is a huge setback in the planning process for our businesses."

"There were a lot of changes that were made with the

law. Many questions that have still gone unanswered. We were all looking forward to the regulations being released last week," she said.

Cavanagh pointed out that the business atmosphere in the CNMI is already very challenging when dealing with local government leases and the labor issues.

With USCIS dragging its foot on the regulations, many long-term plans of businesses are now stalled. "Businesses find it impossible sometimes to lay out long-term strategies. The delay in the regulations puts us in a position of difficulty to even plan out one year."

Cavanagh said the atmo-

sphere in Washington, D.C. is also of no help after the federal government shutdown for 35 days—from Dec. 22 to Jan. 29. "There is much feuding in the tederal arena right now, which puts us in the backburner."

"The delay forces us to prepare documents knowing that the process may very well change. We are hoping that since the federal government is opened, at least temporarily, that the delay will not be too long."

Cavanagh added that, although it is only for one year, the timing of the decision of the U.S. Department of State and USCIS to remove the Philippines' eligibility to

use the H-2B visa was bad. "This is very bad timing as the CNMI is in recovery mode [after two typhoons]."

for one year, it is in a year that occurs right after the second largest storm in U.S. soil. I am hoping that we can appeal to the U.S. government to help exempt us. It is a long shot, but one that I think we have to go

'Guma Sakman' petition gets 1K signatures in 24 hours

The "Save the Guma Sakman" petition spearheaded by non-profit organization 500 Sails received over 1,000 signatures within 24 hours of being posted.

The petition is online at http://www.tinyurl.com/gumasakman.

The traditional canoe building, sailing, and swimming non-profit was recently informed by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources that it would soon lose access to the Guma Sakman in Susupe, the location from which it offers free sailing training and swimming lessons to the community. Unless the government reverses its decision, 500 Sails will be forced to vacate the Guma Sakman

by March 30.

"The 1,000 petition signers were overwhelmingly from the CNMI and the strong response shows that the programs are important to the community," said 500 Sails executive director Pete Perez. "Petitioners have the option to give their reasons for signing and it was gratifying to see that the most common reasons are the very reasons that we created the programs—to improve health in the community and to promote and preserve our unique culture. Many saw the programs as particularly beneficial to youth who need to learn to swim to be safe on an island and many appreciated the opportunities for outdoor activities. Another

Deleon Guerrero promises to keep helping literacy program

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Viola S. Deleon Guerrero has stepped down as the full-time coordinator of the Motheread/ Fatheread program, but she promises to help out.

Deleon Guerrero, who was recognized in last month's 21st Governor's Humanities Awards of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council at the Hyatt Regency Saipan for her years of helping the literacy program grow, said she will continue to assist the program.

"I did not renew my contract with the program because of personal and health issues. But I'm a certified parent trainer," said Deleon Guerrero, who was part of the program since its inception.

She said she's ready to help the program anytime and even facilitated a group of parents at William S. Reyes Elementary School last month. "[Coordinator] Beth [Demapan] would often call me, 'We're running short of trainers. Can you come in and help?' And I'm able to do that."



SCHOOL COUNSEL-ORS WEEK

Happy School Counselors Week (Feb. 4-8) to Hopwood Middle School counselors Jill Pladevega, Ashley Roberto, Marjorie Kintol, and Livia Pangelinan, and to all CNMI counselors. Thank you all for providing lessons for life. Greetings come from HMS Hilitais.

O MIIITAIS. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Deleon Guerrero has over 35 years of experience as an educator and spent 20 years with the Motherread/Fatherread Literacy Program.

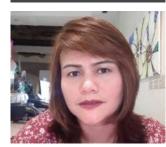
"I hope it [grassroots literacy program] would continue for many years to come. I think my years of service for the program was fulfilling," she added.

Deleon Guerrero said that having parents involved in the learning process is their goal. "It was always our dream that every parent that walks away from the program would say I have learned something to become a better parent, to become a better helper, whether through their homework or just explaining what the story is all about and reading to him or her."

The program started in 1998 and it involves parents teaching literacy to their children.



Happy 6th birthday to our princess, Davizin Camacho Nekaifes! We love you endlessly and we hope you enjoy your day. Love from Mom, Paul, and siblings.



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Bon voyage, Anna! Your World Tour and Travel family wishes you all the best. We will miss

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often repeated reason was our programs are free and that for many there are no affordable alternatives."

Perez hopes that government decision makers will hear what the signers are trying to tell them—that the decision would be a mistake.

"For the CNMI government to pull its support of an ANAfunded development program in its third and final year, a program that is clearly loved, needed, and working, just doesn't make sense," said a 500 Sails statement.

As of 8:45pm Thursday last

week, the petition had over 1150 signatures and growing.

To learn more about 500 Sails, visit 500sails.org or follow it on Facebook at 500Sails-DolphinSwimClub. (*PR*)

Borja endorses Barcinas

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Former lieutenant governor Jessie C. Borja has endorsed Donald Barcinas as Precinct 3 representative.

Borja, who is the last Democrat to hold one of the two highest seats in the CNMI government, recently signified his support for Barcinas, who

switched from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party just few months ago.

According to Borja, he endorses Barcinas not just because he has decided to join the Democratic Party, but because of Barcinas' faith in the party despite its inactivity in previous years.

"I'd like to emphasize that Donald chose to ask to run under the Democratic Party. ... It shows that Donald believes that the Democratic Party, although it has been sleeping for a while, is a viable party and it's important that we have a strong two-party system in the CNMI. I'm proud of that. I think he is a good candidate. I was impressed when he

Borja believes that with a two-party system in place, the voice of the people could be

came," said Borja.

heard and constituents would be given a say in the laws that govern them.

One of those laws Borja mentioned is the ban on cockfighting. According to Borja, there should have been a talks that included the community because cockfighting is considered part of the CNMI culture.

The special election for Precinct 3 representative is on March 23.

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Public warned of rip currents, strong waves

A small craft advisory is now in effect in the CNMI until 6am Thursday due to rough coastal waters on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. A high surf advisory is now in effect until early Tuesday morning along north facing reefs.

received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the **CNMI Emergency Operations** Center State Warning Point, an east-northeast swell will continue affecting the Marianas.

Based on the information Moderate to fresh trade winds with strong gusts and combined seas of 8 to 11 feet were projected through last night, to slowly diminish through the night. The seas, however, were expected to continue to generate hazardous conditions for operators of small craft sued a high surfadvisory, which through Wednesday night. Conditions will then diminish below advisory levels by early Thursday morning.

Right now, hazardous surf will continue along north facing reefs and there will be a high risk of rip currents at least until the weekend. The NWS has isis in effect through 7 am today, and a high risk of rip currents through Sunday afternoon.

The public is being advised to avoid venturing near reefs and beaches, especially those facing north and east. Strong rip currents will be life threatening. If you become

caught in a rip current, remain calm, swim parallel to shore, then back toward the beach when possible.

The public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, are advised to avoid sailing in these conditions. (Saipan Tribune)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Saipan chamber meeting tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its February general membership meeting this Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Resort's Seaside Kanoa Hall. Guest speakers include Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Gary Camacho, who will provide updates and present short-term and long-term recovery plan, and lawyer George Hasselback, who will sharing his expertise on H2B visa application approvals and denials as well as its impact on the CNMI's contractor landscape. Lunch will be available 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at 12pm, led by Chamber president Velma M. Palacios. Cost is \$25 for members/\$35 for non-members.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will also welcome two new members: MJ Visions Inc., which does business as TopNotch and Phoenix Services Inc. (PR)

USDA RD rep on island

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development representative will be on island on Feb. 7, 2019, from 10am to 4:30pm to assist Rural Development clients. If you may have any inquiries regarding the program, stop by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. office in Garapan. (PR)

Scheduled power interruptions

There will be scheduled power interruption today, Feb. 5, 2019, from 8am to 1pm. This sectionalized feeder outage on the Feeder 7 distribution circuit in Tanapag will affect Tanapag, San Roque, and As Matuis. The Marpi Quarry water wells will be affected, affecting the villages of: As Matuis, San Roque, Tanapag and Lower Base. The wastewater lift stations affected are SR-1, SR-2, SR-3, T-1 and T-3. One pole will be replaced

This will allow power line

workers from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s contracting company, Primary Source Electric, to safely replace the wooden pole with a concrete pole in Tanapag. The emergency power interruption is part of CUC's resiliency program aimed at hardening and strengthening the CUC power distribution system that was affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor CUC's Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook. com/CommonwealthUtilities-Corporation/). (PR)

Military trainings set

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 12 and Warning Area 517 on Feb. 5., from 8am to 8pm.

The U.S. Air Force and Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Feb. 5, from 8am. to 8pm
- Feb. 6, from 12-6pm
- Feb. 9-10, from 5-9pm

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 will also conduct training at the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course on Feb. 5, from 12pm to 11:55pm.

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

W-12 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island.

The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur during training at the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course. (PR)

Emergency power interruptions

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there will be scheduled power interruptions on the following dates, times and locations:

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019, from 8am to 1pm

- Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Feeder 7 distribution circuit
- Village location: Marpi
- Area(s) affected: Ayuyu Drive, Marpi
- Water well(s) affected: None
- Water Interruption: None
- Wastewater lift station(s) affected: None
- Pole Replacement(s): Two Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, from 2pm to 6pm
- Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Feeder 7 distribution circuit
- Village location: As Matuis

■ Area(s) affected: Entire San Roque and As Matuis

- Water well(s) affected: Marpi Quarry Wells
- Water Interruption: Entire As Matuis, San Roque, Tanapag, and Puerto Rico
- Wastewater lift station(s) affected: SR-1, SR-2 and SR-3
- Pole Replacement(s): Three The purpose of the emergency power interruptions is to de-energize utility lines and allow power line workers from the CUC contracting company, Primary Source Electric, to safely replace five wooden poles with concrete poles in Marpi and As Matuis villages. The emergency power interruption is part of CUC's resiliency program aimed at hardening and strengthening the CUC power distribution system that was affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area. (PR)



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of

PROBATION OFFICE CLERK

Announcement # JVA19-008

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DUTIES: This position works under the direct supervision of the Chief Probation Officer and/or his/her designee, providing office assistance at the reception desk in accordance with office policies and procedures, and providing administrative support to probation officers in a wide range of areas. The incumbent is expected to conduct and perform the following administrative and operational clerical duties and responsibilities requirements under the probation administration and operation assignment unit(s):

- Answers and screens telephone calls and visitors; answers routine questions and directs visitors and callers to the appropriate person or
- department; Informs offenders reporting for supervision or investigation on procedures for completing appropriate forms and authorizations; Prepares casework for statistical records; conducts criminal record checks through local or national law enforcement files; and records
- chronological entries;
 Assists the Chief or the unit supervisor in gathering and compiling the defendant's personal and/or professional background information history and other data pertinent to individual cases, including but not limited to, the defendants' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, and etc.;
 Assists the probation officers with their hearing schedules and other needed tasks;
 Sets up meeting(s) for the Chief, supervisors, and case managers with probationers, crime victims, law enforcement community agencies, other collaborating agencies, and/or persons of interest;
 Communicates with the public at large, person of interest(s), and private collaborating community agencies to secure their assistance in probationers' critical needs; to raise public awareness; to conduct outreach for specific needs or to provide or obtain information and chronological entries;

- Documents factual information chronologically and may testify in Court with respect to the probationers' acquired activities, referrals,
- Assists the Chief and his/her designee supervisor(s) with periodic updates on needed probation forms and, policies and procedures for
- Assist the probation officers with periodic contacts made with collateral sources for information to evaluate or verify probationers' current
- adjustment;
 Maintains ongoing relationship with the Chief, designee, supervisors, and probation officers in all units;
 Assists with the enforcement of Court orders involving probation cases by making proper referrals to the probation officer case
- assignment, Assists the Chief, his/her designee and/or probation officer in planning office activities, conferences and field visits in connection with
- investigation, assessment, and supervision functions; Maintains accurate, neat, legible, and up-to-date case records in the prescribed form;
- Adheres to all protocols; and Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Must have a high school diploma or an equivalent degree. She or he must have at least one (1) year work experience in clerical/administrative. The position requires occasional travel within the Commonwealth. This career ladder position is an upward position to Assistant Probation Officer.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain professional records, and uphold office policies. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel.

Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid driver's license and must be able to operate a court vehicle. Criminal background check will be conducted. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered.

Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This is an ungraded position appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary will be

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application form at the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 212 on the second floor or Window #3 at the front of the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Kotten Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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ASSISTANT PROBATION OFFICER

Announcement # JVA19-009 DUTIES: This position works under the direct supervision of the Chief Probation Officer or his/her designee. The Assistant Probation Officer

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(he/she) will assist in the collection and entry of probation data, its verification, tracking and monitoring per the requirements of federal programs, and assist in the investigation of offenders' personal history, background and environment. In the absence of the probation officer, he/she reports findings to the Court and is prepared to make appropriate recommendations on dispositions. He/she assists with the interviews of probation and environment of probation and assists with referral of probationers to determine effectiveness of probation and supervision and it what form further casework and counseling may be needed. He/she assists with referral of probationers' to community social resources for assistance in rehabilitation. He/she recommends revocation of probation and /or modification of court orders when necessary. Below, the Assistant Probation Officer's duties and responsibilities are further enumerated:

- Assists with the intake of counseling interviews, assigning cases according to approved counseling techniques in order to determine and
- clarify probationer's problems, consulting with supervisors when necessary; Assists the probation officer gather and evaluate data from homes, schools, churches, social agencies and neighborhoods pertinent to
- Assists the probation officer in the probationer's complete evaluation, contacting as necessary collateral sources in order to evaluate and verify current information as to a probationer's adjustment, and refers probationers to community agencies that offer specialized services that are required for particular needs;
- that are required for particular needs; Assists the probation officer monitor and enforce payment orders of the Court, i.e. restitution payments, fines and support orders, etc; Assists the probation officer's documentation of facts and testimony in court with respect to the probationer's activities, behavior and
- Assists the probation officer's documentation of facts and testimony in court with respect to the probationer's activities, behavior and quality of adjustment while under supervision;
 Following established legal procedures, assists the probation officer bring alleged violations of the probationer to the attention of the Court and/or bring the probationer before the Court as required;
 Assists the probation officer conduct investigations, prepare appropriate reports focused on a "why" of the individual's behavior and is prepared to make recommendations based on the investigations;
 Represents the Judge and the Chief Probation Officer in certain phases of meeting with the public;
- Performs various public relations activities, such as addressing community groups, participating in the conferences and panels of other
- agencies;
 Performs all assigned duties in the department's administration and assists in the case assignments scheduled for appearance in court;
- Plans office activities, conferences and field visits in connection with investigation and supervision function
- Maintains accurate, up-to-date case records in the prescribed form;
 Assists in the preparation and submission of the division's monthly statistical performance reports;
 Meets with interagency contacts, other department heads, division heads and subordinates on matters of policy and procedure;
 Inputs probation data in the Probation Tracking System and performs other duties as assigned.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Must be a high school graduate and have obtained an Associate of Arts and/or Science degree from a college or university in criminal justice, public administration, psychology, social work or other closely related field.

Be familiar with the reading of court orders, processing a general knowledge of probation laws, the missions of probation departments, their ethics and potential liabilities.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain professional records, and uphold office policies. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel.

Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid driver's license and must be able to operate a court vehicle. Criminal background check will be conducted. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment

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One ticket entry wins man a gigantic TV in SCS raffle

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Saipan Computer Services Inc. ended its 12th "Customer Appreciation Raffle Promo: yesterday by giving away many prizes that included smart appliances, gadgets, and accessories, with the top prize—a curved 65-inch television set-going to James Calderwood.

A total of 25 lucky winners were picked out of 4.600 coupons, which is the biggest number of entries raffled to date.

"This raffle is for the people of Saipan. It was originally set in November but Super Typhoon Yutu happened. We waited because we knew people were busy with their own things...so we thought we could get a larger segment of the market after things have settled down. That is why we started in December," SCS president and owner Jerry P. Tiu said

"This raffle is our company's way of showing our appreciation to the patronage, support and, most importantly, the confidence of our customers in us. ... We call them 'business associates' [rather] than customers. We do our best to gain that loyalty by giving the kind of service that



Saipan Computer Services Inc. management and staff flank the prizes in their "Customer Appreciation Raffle Promo" that ended yesterday with 25 winners out of 4,600 entries.

we have, accommodate their like winning the Super Bowl... needs and being up-to-date with the latest technology," he

Calderwood took home the grand prize—a Samsung curved 65-inch smart TV and a Samsung curved soundbar. "I submitted only one raffle entry and winning the grand prize is SCS is my go-to store with any gadget that I need and they always have it," he said.

"I thank SCS and this raffle is a good way of returning the business that they get from the community. I always say patronizing local businesses on Saipan is the best thing. Sure,

it is easy and we pay less online but, by [patronizing] local businesses, we all win in the end," he added.

Major prize winners are Jennifer Hanson (Apple12.9 iPad Pro with Smart keyboard), Soledad Sasamoto (Samsung Galaxy Note8 smart phone), Bruce Iglesia (Pyle Smart Projector), Jayceon Lizama (Shark ION with WiFi smart vacuum), Nao Macaranas (Apple Watch Nike smartwatch), Claudei Larson (Lenovo Smart Display), Norlyn Cabrera (Fitbit Aria 2 WiFi smart scale), and Mi Yun Kim (Echo Dot smart speaker with Alexa).

Minor prize winners are Vanessa Diaz, Mi Yun Kim, Tatsu Suzuki, S. Borja, S. Framson, (won twice) Chris Crane, Evelyn A. Gonzalez (Nike Paseo de Marianas shop gift certificates) and consolation prize winners are Ruel Villacrisis, Carlos Feger, Mi Yun Kim, Shawana Sablan, Thomas Isus, Angie Punzalan, Ma. Rosario dela Torre, and Jon Frederick Banayos.

SCS was established in 1986 but Tiu took over management in 1994 and, according to him, SCS will continue to bring the best tech related appliances and gadgets on island.

"Supply is not easy because of various reasons like logistics where we have to ship things and sometimes the market can be very choosy. But we always make sure that they know that we can get it for them... We work our logistics so we can bring it here in a more palatable period or faster span of time because, otherwise, an order may literally take months, especially if it is big like a 65-inch TV," he said.

"Survival is key... but we are committed to be better than we were in the past. ... We will be here as long as the community needs us. We want them to know that they can always depend on us," he added.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-012

ISLAND WIDE WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

 $This Indefinite\ Delivery/Indefinite\ Quantity\ work\ consists\ of\ installing\ new\ service\ saddles,\ corporation\ stops,\ PVC\ service\ lines\ from\ properties and\ prop$ the CUC water main to the meter, replacing defective water meters, installing new service laterals and new water meters, properly sizing existing service lines, installing a water meter on existing CUC service lines without a meter, relocating existing CUC water meters from private property to public easement, reconfiguring the orientation of water meters to easily identify customers, removing existing manifold systems, and as required, installing new service lines from the meter to the house plumbing. It may also be required to connect existing service lines to a new meter and/or house piping.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government cheening the building.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on February 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building

One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan, 10 the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 6, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of

or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 21, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government All bids shall become the property of CUC.

MANNY B. SABLAN



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **CUC-RFP-19-008**

SUPPLY OF FUEL FOR LIGHT VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply of fuel for light vehicles and heavy equipment for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk or USB Drive in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-008 -Supply of Fuel for Light Vehicles and Heavy Equipment" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than March 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the sal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Ouestions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on February 15, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Contract Specialist via email address john.mafnas@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior via email address

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

MANNY B. SABLAN Purchasing Administrator **8** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

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Overdue justice for victims of sexual abuse

he sexual abuse of children is a national disgrace. For decades, young people were victimized twice—first by their tormentors, then by institutions that covered up what happened, protected abusers and offered victims no recourse. No opportunity for justice, no opportunity for compensation, no opportunity to heal. Religious institutions, schools, scouting groups, athletic organizations, politicians and even families were complicit in shielding perpetrators, hiding the truth and exacerbating the suffering.

The Child Victims Act passed overwhelmingly by the New York State Legislature was long overdue. It finally will change the dynamic surrounding childhood sexual abuse in favor of victims, and force a consideration of cases long buried in time. In the bill that passed, school districts were not exempted; this heinous behavior must be rooted out everywhere, which won't happen without the purge the legislation promises.

The bill raises the age by which victims can pursue criminal charges against abusers to 28, and allows survivors to file civil suits up to age 55—critical changes since victims can struggle for years to admit and address what happened to them. The measure includes what had been the most controversial provision, a 1-year window for people abused in the past to sue for damages, regardless of when the period expired for such lawsuits. That time frame should be adequate for the aggrieved to file claims while allowing the institutions being sued to know with certainty their possible liability.

But the unanimous vote in the State Senate hid a disturbing disingenuousness. All 24 Republicans, now in the minority, voted for the measure, after their majority caucus blocked its passage for years and denied relief to victims so badly in need of it.

The bill's advance comes amid a massive cultural shift in attitudes toward sexual abuse in general. The pendulum is swinging toward justice, openness and consequences. Fear that institutions would be exposed and have to pay huge settlements for their members' actions has been eclipsed by anger toward abusers and acknowledgment of the fear and trauma of victims.

In this new climate, Bill Cosby is convicted, Harvey Weinstein is headed to trial, and politicians and corporate heads are dismissed or forced to resign. In this climate, the Diocese of Rockville Centre starts a compensation program under which nearly 300 people have been or will be compensated for claims of sexual abuse by priests that stretch back decades. There still is no comprehensive accounting of the number of priests involved, even as other dioceses and religious orders confess; in 2018 alone, at least 36 Catholic dioceses around the country published lists of priests credibly accused of sexual assault or abuse.

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Worsening labor shortage demands more immigrants

he exceptionally low unemployment rate is good news for American workers. But it contributes to a growing problem: Companies can't find enough employees. This puts downward pressure on corporate and U.S. economic growth.

Recent government statistics indicate that nearly 7 million nonfarm jobs were unfilled. This includes 278,000 in construction and 493,000 in manufacturing. But it gets worse. The worker shortage in manufacturing is projected to reach 2.4 million by 2028, according to a study by The Manufacturing Institute and Deloitte.

The inability to find workers, especially those with greater talents, is preventing companies from expanding. And it's costly. The consulting firm Korn Ferry predicts the skilled worker deficit will result in \$1.75 trillion in lost revenue annually for American companies by 2030.

With very low unemployment levels, fewer workers are available to fill open positions. But there's much more to the story. For example, one in seven men between ages 25 and 54 are long-term unemployed, reports the Brookings Institution. Many are on disability.

Additionally, 10,000 baby boomers are reaching retirement age each day. And when they leave they take their skills with them. What's more, the National Center for Education Statistics indicates that only 40 percent of students graduate four-year universities on time. Consequently, many are not in the labor force because they are still in school.

The opioid crisis also is having a negative impact on worker availability. Princeton University economist Alan B. Krueger estimates that nearly half of prime age men not in the labor force take pain medication on a daily basis. He also notes that labor force participation has fallen more in areas where relatively more opioid pain medication is prescribed.

What can companies do to attract more workers, as well as those with higher skills?

They can offer more generous daycare options, a strategy that has boosted participation rates among women in Europe. And since people are living longer, healthier lives, companies could hire more older and experienced men and women. Plus, greater investments in wages, benefits and training would go a long way to not only attract employees, but also to retain existing ones longer.

But a very important step the government can take involves increasing the number of legal immigrants in the United States. This would require changing some policies.

For example, American colleges and universities attract the best and brightest students the world has to offer. Unfortunately,

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after graduation we send them home to compete against us. This is a failed immigration policy that needs to be reconsidered.

Today, knowledge provides the only sustainable competitive ad-

vantage. Allowing more foreign graduates to remain in the United States to add value to American companies or start new ones would certainly help to reduce the labor shortage and skills deficit.

Surprising to many, immigrants are almost twice as likely to start new businesses as native born Americans, says the Kaufman Foundation. According to The Partnership for a New American Economy, 40.2 percent of Fortune 500 firms have at least one founder who is an immigrant or child of immigrants. And written in the Journal of Economic Perspectives, more than half of highly skilled workers and entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley, America's center of innovation, are foreign born.

Unfortunately, foreign-born professionals in the United States are not always able to fully apply their talents. According to Jina Krause-Vilmar, CEO of Upwardly Global, 2 million immigrants and refugees have college degrees from their home countries, but are either unemployed or underemployed because of limited professional networks, language barriers or re-licensing challenges. Her organization provides job coaching, networking events and ESL support, and connects work-authorized foreignborn and educated professionals with U.S. employers to help them fully contribute to the workforce.

On the other end of the skills spectrum are American farm jobs, many of which have gone unfilled for some time. Even with the introduction of labor-saving technology and automation, the situation is becoming increasingly more severe. If continued, more farms likely will be forced to leave lucrative crops to die on the vine or shut down.

Immigration has also helped keep the U.S. population rising. This lifts the economy by adding more producers and consumers. Germany, Japan and other countries have negative population growth rates. This puts downward pressure on their growth prospects.

For generations, the contributions of immigrants to the United States have been tremendous. And unknown to many, immigrants are less crime prone and less likely to be incarcerated than native born Americans, reports Alex Nowrasteh of the Cato Institute.

It's time to recognize the severity of America's labor and skills crisis and act. Policies that open the door to more immigrants at all skill levels will help U.S. companies and farms to grow, advance American innovation, and strengthen our economy.

Piercing the corporate veil: Sometimes limited liability isn't so limited

ntrepreneurship is exhilarating. You get to provide the community with a valuable product or service—something that makes peoples' lives easier, happier, or better. And best of all, the more value you provide, the more money you make. Talk about a win-win.

But entrepreneurship is also scary. It's your money, your reputation, your project. To reduce the downside, business owners usually structure the company as a corporation or limited liability company. The reason is that these legal structures offer limited liability, meaning that they put a wall between a company's debts and the people who own and operate the company.

Limited liability, however, is not absolute. Sometimes the people who own and operate the company can be held personally liable. LLCs and corporations with only a handful of shareholders are especially at risk. Whether that's bad news or good depends on which side of the equation you are sitting on.

Knocking down the wall of limited liability is known as "piercing the corporate veil." It happens under limited circumstances. Let's discuss five common risk factors.

Fraud: Companies need to act forthrightly. If not, they lose many of their legal protections including limited liability. For example, if a company lies about its financial status to trick a lender into lending money, and then fails to repay the debt, the lender will often be able to reach into the pockets of both the company and the people involved in the fraud.

Commingling: A company and its owners should keep a clear barrier between their finances. The company should have its own bank account and funds. And the owners should have their own bank accounts and funds. The company should use its accounts and funds to pay for business expenses. And owners should use their personal accounts and funds to pay for personal expenses.

LITERARY NOOK

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Groundhog Day in the Year of the Earth Pig

A haiku, senryu, acrostic, and northern Appalachian mem-

- G Green apples, my mouth waters, year of the pig
- R Rainy day, something in motion, backyard commotion
- O Our garden groundhog, eating tender shoots, my father
- U Underground, new sprouts all gone, wet trail
- N Near the nest, cracked rotten eggs, possum
- D Dry cornbread and molasses, small loin and ribs, groundhog passes
- H Holes worn slick, creek thawing out, groundhog day,
- O Outside grill, pork fat greases pan, groundhog man
- G Gee forget duck, here comes the woodchuck, our good

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In this climate, former U.S. women's gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar is sentenced to as much as 175 years in prison for abusing scores of girls in his care. And, importantly, consequences ripple. USA Gymnastics has filed for bankruptcy, facing lawsuits from more than 350 Nassar victims, and is fighting decertification by Olympic authorities.

Change isn't easy, especially on an issue as wrenching as child sexual abuse. New York finally has done the right thing in giving victims a voice and a way to ease their torment.

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But in small businesses, owners and companies often treat personal and corporate funds as one and the same. They write a business check to pay for a personal mortgage. Or they cash a check payable to the business in a personal account. Doing either is known as commingling funds and is a recipe for having a court do just as the owner and the company did—treat both as being one and the same and thus equally responsible for the company's debt.

Failing to follow corporate formalities: Companies need to follow certain procedures. Those procedures will vary depending on the type of company. For example, a corporation generally imposes more procedures than an LLC. But, in general, the procedures include keeping key company documents up to date, holding annual meetings for owners, and documenting major business actions. Corporations will also generally need to appoint officers and directors, hold regular board-of-director meetings, and maintain a stock ledger.

You may think these procedures and records sound excessive. Many small businesses would agree. And so, they don't bother to appoint officers in writing, go years without a board meeting, and never hold an annual meeting. Skipping these things is fine during good times. But if the company loses a lawsuit or cannot pay its debt, owners are inviting creditors to try and pierce the corporate veil.

Not using the company's name: Companies must act in their own name. They can do so by slathering their logo all over their website, stationery, business cards, and marketing material. And, of course, they should not only put their name on every contract but also disclose that the person signing on behalf of the company is doing so as a corporate representative. An easy way to disclose that fact is for the contract to list the company's name followed by the representative's name and business title (such as manager, vice president, or so on).

Medium- and large-sized businesses generally follow these steps as standard practice. But for smaller ones, like an accountant or real-estate broker, a customer may not know if they are doing business with a person or instead with a company created by the accountant or broker. To prevent confusion, the accountant and broker would be wise to use their company's name

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during conversations and to have e-mail, invoices, and business cards showing the company's logo and name.

Inadequate capitalization: When companies are formed, owners need to invest enough money for the company to pay for likely liabilities. Or they need to hold an insurance policy to cover these liabilities.

This situation often crops up when a company tries to insulate itself from debt by creating one or more subsidiary companies, all of which the parent company controls but does not adequately fund. The parent corporation then transfers debt into each subsidiary. When creditors come calling for the debt, they discover a shell company throwing up a liability shield between the debt and the parent company. Sometimes that shield blocks the creditor from collecting on the debt. Other times, a court will order the corporate veil pierced.

In sum, if you act honestly, follow basic procedures, adequately fund your corporation or LLC, keep business and personal accounts separate, and let the world know that they are dealing with a business, then it's unlikely that you will be held personally liable for your company's debts. If, however, you want to learn more about preserving or puncturing a company's limited liability, consult with your attorney.

This column is not intended as legal advice. For anyone's specific case, consult a lawyer.

Risking worse shutdowns

he 35-day partial government shutdown that cost the U.S. economy \$11 billion can teach us something about our political process' limits in problem-solving. These lessons are particularly important because a new effort to add a balanced-budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution could make damaging government shutdowns more frequent and harder to solve.

Around the country, well-funded groups are making a concerted push to get state resolutions passed that call for a constitutional convention to propose a federal balanced-budget amendment. With the aid of fuzzy math, some balanced-budget advocates claim to be just six states short, one state short, or even already to have surpassed the 34 resolutions required under Article V of the Constitution

In Washington, too, proposals for a balanced-budget amendment will likely resurface now. Congress will be beginning work on next year's budget even while many of the current year's appropriations bills remain unresolved. In years when no budgetbusting upper-income tax cut is politically possible, Republicans cite the very deficits their tax policies have created as justification for a balanced-budget amendment. Nervous Democrats often feel they must go along: At the state and federal level, voting for a balanced-budget amendment is easy: It looks fiscally prudent and puts off the hard choices.

The Trump shutdown gives us an idea of just how disastrous a constitutional balanced-budget amendment would be. The president and Congress couldn't agree on a spending bill to fund the government because of a single issue—the border wall—that was more about politics than budget give and take. Imagine how difficult it would be to reach an agreement on the right way to close large fiscal gaps when funding for every government function is on the table. Long impasses and shutdowns would be almost guaranteed, year in, year out.

If, say, the nation's economy was slipping toward recession, with the deficit rising as tax revenues fell and spending rose for unemployment compensation and food aid, the battle might look like this:

One faction demands steep cuts in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, which constitute the majority of federal spending, no matter the promises made to recipients and future recipients. Another group targets the Pentagon, even though defense cuts might not produce what the balanced budget amendment required: immediate deficit reduction (weapons procurement involves long-term contracts). And if defense plants did start mass By DAVID A. SUPER Los Angeles Times



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layoffs in response to such cuts, the teetering economy would take a further hit.

Yet another faction might seek to eliminate the deficit through tax increases on the affluent. Because Congress has approved a long series of upper-income and corporate federal tax cuts culminating in the nearly \$2-trillion 2017 tax cut law, this approach could increase revenues from those at the very top of the income scale without exceeding historical levels of taxation. But the Republican Party has firmly committed itself to opposing such tax increases. Any GOP senator or representative voting for this as a way to balance the budget could expect a well-funded primary challenger.

A final, pragmatic group could try to get Congress to suspend the requirement to balance the books so that Washington could avoid further weakening the economy. But Democrats and Republicans alike would fear supporting such a proposal, because they could be seen as voting to "bust the budget." Meanwhile, the advocates of entitlement cuts, downsizing the military or upper-income tax increases would resist suspending the amendment. The crisis created by a balanced-budget requirement offers them leverage for their long-sought ends.

The result almost certainly would be a long and acrimonious impasse. The Trump shutdown had two obvious resolutions either the president would give up getting \$5.7 billion in border wall funding or congressional Democrats would provide it. But a shutdown triggered by a balanced-budget amendment would lack any such either/or solution. Each contending group would blame all the others for the impasse and public sentiment would be fractured. The groups would fear compromise because it would infuriate their base voters.

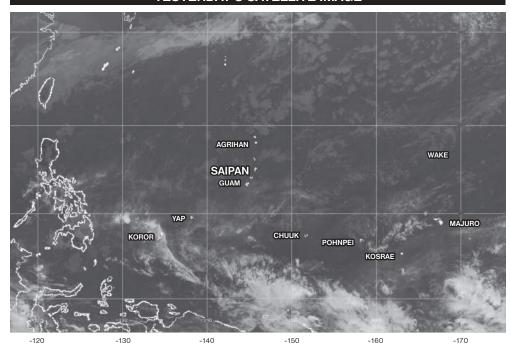
An amendment that forced fiscal responsibility in Washington may sound good, but we have just seen the kind of havoc it would wreak in practice.

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FACTS, MYTHS, AND MORE

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21 things you didn't know about the Mar Jev

he Lunar New Year is celebrated by more than 20 percent of the world. It's the most important holiday in China and to Chinese, Koreans, and other people all over. Here are 21 interesting facts that you probably didn't know about the Lunar New Year.





















1. The Lunar New Year is also known as the Spring Festival.

In China, you'll hear it being called chunjie, or the Spring Festival. It's still very wintry, but the holiday marks the end of the coldest days. People welcome spring and what it brings along: planting and harvests, new beginnings and fresh starts.

You also call it the Lunar New Year, because countries such as North and South Korea and Vietnam celebrate it as well. And because the Spring Festival goes according to the lunar calendar, that means...



2. There's no set date for the Lunar New Year.

According to the Lunar calendar, the Spring Festival is on Jan. 1 and lasts until the 15th (the full moon). Unlike western holidays such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, when you try to calculate it with the solar (Gregorian) calendar, the date is all over the place.

The Lunar New Year ranges from Jan. 21 to Feb. 20. In 2019, it occurs on Feb. 5.

The lunar calendar is still really important in China, even though it has officially moved to the Gregorian calendar like the rest of the world. All traditional holidays and days such as the Winter Solstice are celebrated. Some people still calculate their birthdays and ages according to the lunar calendar too!

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3. It is a day for praying to gods...

The Spring Festival was originally a ceremonial day to pray to gods for a good planting and harvest season. As an agrarian society, the harvest was everything. People also prayed to their ancestors, as they were treated as gods (see Mulan for reference).

4. ...and fighting off monsters.

But the myths are much more interesting. According to one legend, there was a monster named Nian. It would come about every New Year's Eve. Most people would hide in their homes. But one boy was brave enough to fight him off using firecrackers. The next day, people celebrated their survival by setting off even more firecrackers. And that practice became a crucial part of the Spring Fes-

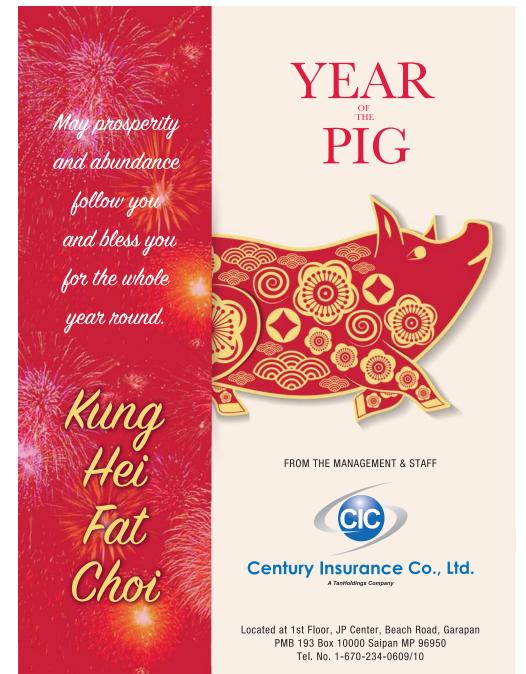


5. The most number of fireworks are set off in the world that night.

As in the myth about Nian, firecrackers are supposed to scare off monsters and bad luck. So people stay up on Lunar New Year's Eve and set off firecrackers at midnight. In the morning, firecrackers are used again to welcome the new year and good luck.

That same night, families burn fake paper money and printed gold bars in honor of their deceased loved ones. Similar to the Korean Chuseok holiday or the Mexican Day of the Dead traditions, they believe the offerings will bring fortune and good luck to their ancestors in the afterlife.

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6. (but sometimes it's illegal)

Due to safety reasons and concerns for air pollution, many Chinese cities have banned fireworks. More than 500 cities have restrictions too.

But...many people don't care and they do it anyway. Beijing had banned fireworks for 13 years. The ban was lifted in 2006 because of the angry public.

If you're in China during this time, you'll probably be able to hear and see the explosions for at least three nights (and it can go on for weeks).





7. It is the longest Chinese holiday

The Spring Festival is technically 15 days. But celebrations start on New Year's Eve (making it 16 days). You can also say that the holiday season starts in (lunar) December with the Laba Festival. That's around 40 days of celebrations!

Traditionally, you have to spend time with your family and can only go out after the fifth day. It's a national holiday. The large majority of stores are closed too.

> So in the month before, people will buy nian huo, or New Year's products. The Chinese stock up on cooking supplies, snacks, gifts, new clothes and more.

8. The Spring Festival causes the largest human migration in the world



The most important part of Lunar New Year is the family reunion. Everyone should come back home for the New Year's Eve dinner. In modern China, most elderly parents live in rural villages while their children work in the cities. The migration back home and to go on vacation is called *chunyun* or Spring Migration.

Plus, the earliest you can buy train tickets is 60 days before. It leads to a mad rush of literally fighting for tickets. In 2015, statistics showed that around 1,000 tickets were sold each second.

9. Singles hire fake boy/girlfriends to take home.



worse in China. Especially since having children and passing the family name is one of the most important parts of Chinese culture.

girlfriend to take home. Those who can't (or don't want to) go home can rent themselves out. For some of the other guestions though, such as your salary, career or when you want to have kids, those can't be helped.



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You know those nosy relatives during Thanksgiving? It's even Some desperate singles resort to hiring a fake boyfriend or

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10. No showering, sweeping or throwing out garbage allowed!



Showering isn't allowed New Year's Day. Sweeping and throwing out garbage isn't allowed before the fifth. This is to make sure you don't wash away the good luck!

On the other hand, there's a day before the Spring Festival dedicated to cleaning. This day is to sweep the bad luck away and make room for the good.

What else is taboo during Chinese New Year?

- Hair cutting (before Feb. 2)
- Using scissors, knives and other sharp things
- Arguing, swearing
- Saying unlucky words (such as "death" and "sickness")
- Breaking things

11. Children receive lucky money in red envelopes.



In other cultures, children receive gifts for holidays. Gifts are also exchanged during the Spring Festival. But Chinese children receive something else too—red envelopes.

Also called red packets or pockets, they include money. This money is supposed to help transfer fortune from the elders to the kids. They can also be given between bosses and employees, co-workers, and friends.

With the development of technology, digital red pockets are the trend now. People like to send one into group chats and watch the others fight for the money. This is called *qiang* hongbao or literally "snatching red pockets."

12. You eat dumplings for every meal, every day.



Well, technically you're supposed to. But not many people do that anymore because you can have too much of even the most delicious foods. So most people will eat dumplings during the New Year's Eve dinner. Others will eat them for the first breakfast.

Contrary to popular belief though, dumplings aren't popular everywhere. It's more of a northern China thing. In the South, people would rather eat spring rolls (egg rolls) and balls of glutinous rice in soup called *tangyuan*.

13. Lunar New Year desserts have special meanings

A lot cultures have symbolic foods, such as the Yule Log cake. But so many Chinese New Year desserts have special meanings behind them. And it's mostly puns in the

Take the tangyuan for example. It literally means "soup balls." But it sounds like tuanyuan, which means reunion. So it's no surprise it's a popular dessert during Chinese New

Nian gao is a type of rice cake. It symbolizes success each and every year.

Fa gao is a hybrid of sponge cakes and muffins. People dye it festive colors. The fa is the same as in fa cai, which means "to get rich." And everyone wants

Isn't it nice to have a better reason to get seconds?





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14. There's wine specifically for the Spring Festival.

Chinese people love drinking. There's a saying that there's no manners and/or etiquette without wine. This means that you need to have wine for every ceremony, festival or important dinner.

There's wine for engagement dinners, weddings, birthdays... and of course, the Spring Festival. With such a rich wine culture, it's no surprise that there is a bunch of drinking games you play. However, it's not all fun and games.

When you're eating with someone older than you, as is the case with New Year's dinners, you need to follow strict toasting etiquette rules. They include the order of toasts, seating, how you hold the wine glass etc. etc.





15. The Chinese decorate everything red for Lunar New Year

Every family will deck their homes in this color. Do you remember the story about Nian? Fire-crackers aren't the only thing that scared the monster away. Red is also an invaluable weapon, and used in nearly all Chinese New Year decorations.

The Chinese will hang red lanterns and strings of (real or fake) chili peppers, paste red paper onto doors and windows, and more!

New clothes are also believed to bring good luck and start over fresh. People will add new red clothing to their Spring Festival wardrobe too.

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16. Every year has a zodiac animal

Western horoscopes include 12 zodiacs, one for each month. There are 12 Chinese zodiacs as well, but the animal is for the entire year.

2019 is the Year of the Pig. Some of the animals (such as Rat, Snake, Dog and Pig) aren't normally well-liked in Chinese culture. But as a zodiac, their positive traits are bestowed on people born that year.

They play a much bigger role than in Western cultures. Your animal can decide your career, health and relationship success. Make sure you find out what zodiac animal you are!



17. Your zodiac year is bad luck!

Your benming yea is the year of your zodiac animal. And, of the 12-year cycle, it is the unluckiest for you.

There are multiple explanations for this. The Chinese believe that children can easily be taken by demons. And your *benming* year is your rebirth year.

During this year, your weapon of defense is the color red. Just as you can decorate your home in red for protection and fortune, you can also wear red clothing. Many people will wear red underwear every day of the year. Others add on red shirts, pants, jewelry, insoles and more!

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18. You grow 1 year older on the Spring Festival.

In China, you have a "real" age and a "fake" nominal age. The real age is the one we all know about. You grow one year older on your birthday. The nominal age, though, increases with the Spring Festival.

This was the age most people went with until recent times. But it's still common nowadays, or used interchangeably. If you're particular about it, make sure you ask!



19. The New Year greeting in Chinese is "xin nian kuai le."

The phrase literally means "Happy New Year." But in Hong Kong and other Cantonese-speaking regions, it's more common to say "gong hei fat choy." In Mandarin Chinese, it's "gong xi fa cai." It means "congratulations on the fortune."

Other greetings or blessings are most about plentiful harvests, wealth and fortune, health and longevity, having children and large families. Food, money, and health are things that everyone wants. Passing down the family name is of utmost importance. That's one of the reasons why China has such a large population.



20. The Chinese New Year ends with the Lantern Festival

The first full moon of the (lunar) year is the Yuanxiao Festival or Lantern Festival. Though family is still important, it's still a night of partying and freedom.

In ancient times, girls weren't allowed to venture outside by themselves. But on this night, they were able to walk around, moon-gaze and look at the beautiful lanterns. Because of this, it's also known as Valentine's Day in China.



21. The Lunar New Year is celebrated all around the world.

One out of every five people in the world is Chinese. But that stat doesn't include the millions of overseas Chinese and people of Chinese descent.

London, England; San Francisco, U.S.; Sydney, Australia—all claim to have the biggest Spring Festival celebrations outside of Asia. We're can't say if that's true or not. But if you have a Chinatown nearby, you can definitely get a feel of what the celebrations are like.

Make sure you go check out the parades, lion dances, lantern statues, fireworks and amazing food! (https://chinesenewyear.net)

e're all familiar with myths, legends and fairytales. It's always interesting to see how they explain traditions that we still have in modern society today—the things we feel are normal, but are actually quite weird if we think about it.

10 Chinese New Year myths

So why do the Chinese zodiacs? What's the point of celebrate the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year) the way they do? Why do people put up red decorations and light firecrackers? Who chose the 12 Chinese

malt candy?

The stories date back to thousands of years ago. Here is a collection of a few popular and interesting Chinese New Year myths.



The new year monster Nian is a horned beast, a mix between a dragon and a kirin.

The Monster and **New Year's Eve**

In ancient times, there was a monster named Nián. It usually lives at the bottom of the sea and comes up once a year to feast on animals and humans. On this day, the villagers would all escape into the mountains.

One year, a beggar came to seek shelter, but everyone was hurrying away. Only an old woman took him in and he promised to chase Nian away. He busied himself with decorating the homes.

At midnight, Nian lumbered in but stopped short when it saw the red paper

on the doors. As it roared in anger, firecrackers suddenly sounded and it trembled in fear. When it saw the beggar, dressed in red, laughing at it, it could only run away.

The villagers came back the next day and were pleasantly surprised that the homes were all still standing. They realized that loud noises and the color red were Nian's kryptonite.

This is why, on New Year's Eve, families eat dinner in their homes fortified by red decorations. At midnight, firecrackers are sounded. In addition, people will wear new and festive red clothing to celebrate.



Through time couplets became much longer and more complex poems.

Evil Spirits and Poetry

One of the red decorations that Chinese people love is Spring Festival couplet poems (chūn lián). They are pasted on both sides of the doorframe. And Nian isn't the only monster that these poems protect you against!

More specifically, they guard against demons who wander around the human world at night looking for trouble. They must return to the underworld at dawn. Two gods guard the entrance, which is under a giant peach tree. Any demons that harm humans during the night would be seized and fed to the tigers.

To safeguard their homes, people began to carve the gods' names into peach wood tablets. By placing them outside their doors, they were able to scare the demons away.

Dumplings and Ears Some people say that dumplings are shaped like gold and

look like ears. That may be due to a myth about the goddess Nů wā.

silver ingots. Others say they

She created humans out of yellow clay. But she realized that the ears would freeze and crack off in the winter. To solve this problem, she sewed

the ears in place and put the end of the thread in the humans' mouths.

Later, to thank Nů wā, people molded dough into the shape of ears. They then stuffed it with meat and vegetables rather than thread.

So next time your ears are so cold you think they'll fall off, be glad they won't and eat some dumplings!

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Fortune has Arrived!

Another decoration is calligraphy. The most common word is fú, meaning happiness or fortune. But you'll rarely see it upright.

It is said that in the Ming dynasty, the Emperor ordered every household to decorate by pasting fu onto their doors. On New Year's Day, he sent soldiers to check. They found that one illiterate family pasted the word upside down.

The Emperor ordered the family to be punished by death. Thankfully, the Empress was there and came up with an explanation: "Upside down" is a homophone of "here." When it's upside down, it means that fu is here.

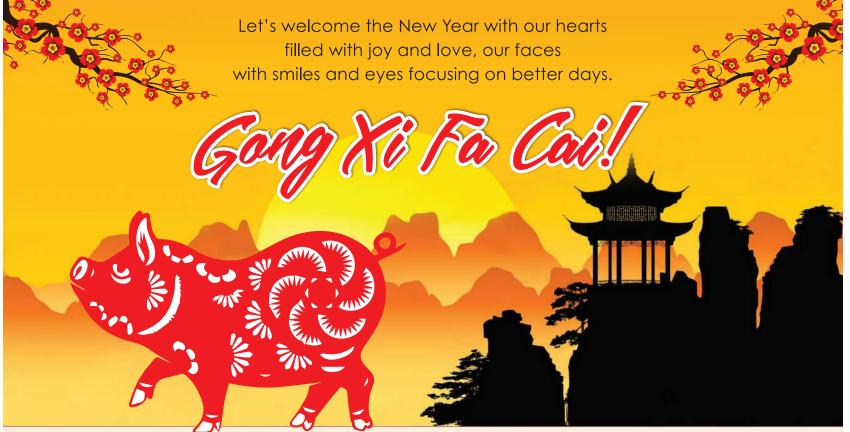
The explanation made



Fu is usually written on red paper in the style of traditionаl calligraphy.

sense to the Emperor and he set the family free. From then on, people would hang

the word upside down, both for fortune and in remembrance of the kind Empress.



Nử wā has the body of a

snake and is known as

the mother of all life.



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Origin of Spring Festive Wine

There are some drinks specific to the Chinese New Year. One of them is Tusu wine.

In one story, there was a plague going through villages, taking many lives. A man put some herbs, leaves and grains into bags. He brought one to each of his neighbors, telling them to soak the bag in water.

They were to drink the water on New Year's Day. And they found that this magical drink saved them from the plague. It became known as Tusu wine, named after the Tusu-structured home of the man.

No one knows if this story is true, but wine is often used as a part of traditional Chinese medicine. And it won't hurt to take a sip of this rich drink during the holidays!



Tusu is a type of Chinese white wine, stored in ceramic vats in ancient times.

Origin of Red Pockets

According to legends, there used to be an evil spirit named Sui. It would appear on New Year's Eve and pat the heads of sleeping children three times. The children would end up with a fever. Even if they recovered from the fever, they'd never be the same again.

One couple entertained their child with some coins at night. When he fell asleep, they placed the coins on red paper and left it by the pillow. When Sui came, the coins flashed and frightened it away.



During Chinese New Year, children receive red envelopes filled with money.

From then on, parents would give children money wrapped in red paper every New Year's Eve. Read our full article on red pockets to learn more about their origin, history and how much to put in one.

The Stove God and Candy

The Stove God is in charge of people's meals and livelihoods. He's one of the gods that interact with humans the most.

On the little new year before the official "big" New Year, he returns to the heavens. The Stove God reports to the Jade Emperor, telling him how each family was during the year. He later returns to Earth to either bless or punish the families, as ordered by the Jade Emperor.

This is why families will make malt candy gourds and leave it out at night (kind of like cookies for Santa Claus).

The candy will sweeten the Stove God's mouth so he'll only praise the family.



The Stove God returns on the fourth day of the Spring Festival. Families leave out meals to welcome him back.

It can also stick his teeth together, stopping him from saying bad things. This way, the family will enjoy plentiful food the entire year.

The 12 Zodiac Animals

The Chinese zodiacs' order was chosen by the Jade Emperor through a race. Many people wonder how the tiny Rat beat the others. Well, it's because he's a cunning fellow.

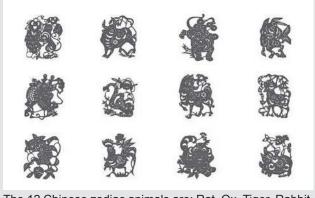
Cat and Rat were supposed to go together. But Cat overslept because Rat had slipped something into his tea the night before.

Then on the way, Rat ran into Ox and they struck up a deal: Ox would carry Rat while Rat would sing for him. With Rat's encouraging singing, they quickly made it to the finish line. But just as they were

crossing over, Rat jumped down and landed in front of Ox, in first place.

Tiger and Rabbit arrived soon after. Dragon could've been earlier, but he took a detour to save a village from a flood. Snake arrived at the same time, but he was too small to be seen at first. Horse and Goat traveled together, but Horse was a bit faster.

Monkey, Rooster and Dog arrived together after helping a god in another country. Pig's home was destroyed by a wolf and he had to rebuild it before joining the race.



The 12 Chinese zodiac animals are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig.

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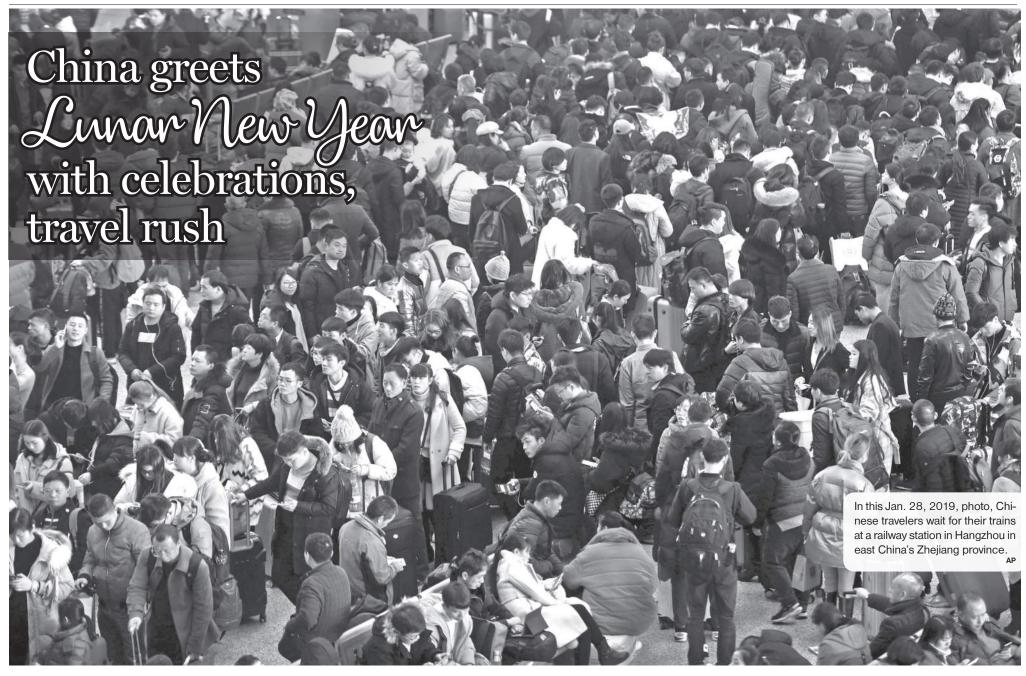
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EIJING (AP)—China is greeting this week's Lunar New Year with celebrations and a travel rush that will see an estimated 3 billion trips by people around

the country.

Thousands of passengers toted bundles of clothes and gifts at Beijing train station last Friday, ahead of the most important holiday on the Chinese calendar. It's a time

for people to return to their hometowns to reunite with family and friends.

"Wow, there's a lot of people," Li Pingping, a beauty salon worker from Henan province, said as she steeled herself for a 17-hour train ride home.

The year of the pig in the 12-year Chinese astrological cycle starts today, waving farewell to the year of the dog.

On the festival's eve, people gather for reunion dinners, give red packets of pocket money to youngsters and light firecrackers at midnight.

The capital, Beijing, and

other cities are festooned with lanterns and other decorations to mark the holiday, which is also celebrated in Vietnam and by ethnic Chinese communities around Asia.

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Red Underwear Tradition

Your zodiac animal year is called your benming year. During that entire year, you're prone to catching the attention of demons. The way to protect yourself is to wear red underwear.

It's believed that before turning 100 days old, infants' souls can be taken back at any time. So parents would give their babies a lock pendant.

During the Liao Dynasty, the benming year was also known as rebirth. People would celebrate their rebirth with a ceremony conducted by a priestess (or witch). It's equally dangerous during your rebirth year.

To lock in your luck and soul, make sure you wear red underwear! (And have many pairs, since you must wear them every day.)



Some people also wear protective charms made of red string and/or jade, red belts, red shoe inserts and much more.



For the Lantern Festival, lanterns light the houses and roads.

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The Swan and the Lantern Festival

The Lantern Festival is 15 days after the Spring Festival. It marks the end of Chinese New Year celebrations. As you may guess from the name, everyone lights lanterns for this festival. It's a beautiful night, but why lanterns?

As the story goes, a heavenly swan was killed by a hunter when it visited the human world. To avenge its death, the Jade Emperor planned to send his knights and burn the earth down.

The lesser gods were horrified at this plan

and secretly went to warn the humans. On that night, the humans lit firecrackers and each household hung lanterns. From the heavens, it seemed like Earth was in flames. It tricked the Jade Emperor and humanity was saved from his wrath.

These ten myths are only the tip of the iceberg. There are many more interesting traditions and details about Chinese New Year. Delve deeper and learn more about this ancient and long-lived celebration! (https://chinesenewyear.net)

Forecasts for the Year of the Pig



By THE JAKARTA POST ASIA NEWS NETWORK

elcoming the 2019 Year of the Pig, we take a look at how each astrological sign's luck will be. In Chinese astrology, the pig is described as slow and less dynamic, but it is also fair and honest. This means that the luck is there, but people need to create their own strategies and acts based on fairness and honesty.

An expert in feng shui, Jenie Feng Shui, said this year contains a conflict between two elements: Water and earth, particularly the air besar (powerful water) and tanah kecil (weak earth). Problems in the environmental balance may arise, but it also gives wood and metal elements a chance to grow.

"[The growth] can be in the form of creativity, art, publishing, e-commerce, automotive and information technology," Jenie said in her office in East Jakarta on Monday.

Those who are curious about their prosperity in the Year of the Pig can find the predictions below:



Rat

Although considered to be better than last year, the Year of the Pig is still not the best year for rat people as they still have to struggle and become responsible for a number of issues. "But they are supported [by their surroundings] this year, compared to last year where they did everything alone," said Jenie.



Similar to rat, people who were born under the ox sign will face better situations in the Year of the Pig compared to the previous year. The combination of hard work, honesty and consistency should be part of their strategy to gain fortune.



l'iger

There's a chance for tiger people to develop, but they will accept less support," said Jenie. Last year was better for the sign as they received help either from their family or colleagues, but the Year of the Pig will be different. Tiger people should be able to be independent and stay humble in order to manage their relationships with their friends.



Rabbit

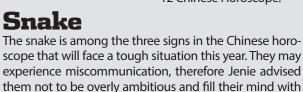
negative thoughts.

The rabbit is one of the signs in Chinese astrology that is granted with good fortune in the Year of the Pig. Rabbit people will have good communication and receive support from other signs. However, it is better for them to stay focused and manage their mood.



Dragon

Dragon people usually want everything to be fast, but they have to slow down this time. This year may be better than last year due to various opportunities, but they may come with problems. "They need to be able to anticipate [the situation] and make plans—both have to be realistic as well," said the author of Parenting Secrets based on the 12 Chinese Horoscope.





Horse

The Horse is known as a sign that has enough fighting spirit in the Chinese horoscope. "There's a chance for horse people to be leaders where they can express themselves and they will receive more support compared to last year as well," said Jenie. It is also best for horse people in the Year of the Pig to be consistent and manage their



Sheep

The Year of the Pig will be a fortunate year for the sheep sign as they will receive plenty of support and maintain smooth communication with people around them, meaning that other people will quickly understand what they want. A number of small fortunes can be found this year and sheep people have to be patient to get them.



Monkey

Aside from the snake, the monkey is another sign in Chinese astrology that will face heavy challenges this year. People who were born under the monkey sign are often recognized as being fast-paced and less focused. It may be slightly difficult for them to achieve what they have envisioned as not everyone will understand it hence they should go with the flow and not be too ambitious.



Rooster

Set to be the last sign that is less fortunate in the Year of the Pig, rooster people are perceived to be overly analytical and detail-oriented. They may find their luck, but they should leave the details and do their work one by one as they cannot do everything at once.



The dog sign has a 50:50 chance of being luck as long as they are honest and not too lazy in facing the obstacles ahead. Challenges can be the gates to opportunities or a disadvantage. They need to finish their responsibilities with consistency and integrity.



In the Year of the Pig, those who fall under the astrology sign should be able to create a strategy and have the willingness to move in order to find their luck. They should not begin a new project that is still unclear. It is okay for them to act neutral and genuine while listening to their relatives.



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Blackface photo stirs calls for Virginia governor to resign

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)— Gov. Ralph Northam clung to office Sunday amid nearly unanimous calls from his own party to resign over a racist photo in his 1984 medical school yearbook, going silent after a bizarre 24 hours in which he first admitted he was in the picture, then denied it.

The Democrat's stunning about-face—at a weekend news conference where he also acknowledged putting on blackface for a dance contest decades ago and appeared to briefly entertain the notion of doing the Michael Jackson moonwalk for reporters—only seemed to make things worse.

The chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus declared that Northam "still does not understand the seriousness of his actions." The photo shows someone in blackface and another person in a Ku Klux Klan hood and robe.

"I think he's been completely dishonest and disin-

Detainee on hunger strike details force-feeding

force-feeding Wednesday.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has confirmed there are now nine men—up from six earlier this week—being force-fed under court order in a detention center in El Paso.

One of the hunger strikers, a 22-year-old man from India who called The Associated Press on Friday, described being dragged from his cell three times a day and strapped down on a bed. He said a group of people force-feed him by pouring liquid into tubes pushed through his nose.

The man, who AP is identifying only by his last name Singh out of family concerns for his safety, stopped eating more than a month ago. In mid-January, ICE obtained court orders to begin non-consensual hydration and feeding, and so for weeks they've had nasal tubes inserted in their noses and IVs in their arms.

The AP first reported on the

"They tie us on the forcefeeding bed, and then they put a lot of liquid into the tubes, and the pressure is immense so we end up vomiting it out," said Singh. "We can't talk properly, and we can't breathe properly. The pipe is not an easy process, but they try to push it down our noses and throats."

Speaking through an interpreter, Singh said he has lost 50 pounds (23 kilograms) since he began his hunger strike. He said he is refusing food to protest guards' unfair treatment of him and other detainees from Punjab. He said they are being denied bond while detainees from other countries were allowed out.

In a statement, ICE said it fully respects the rights of all people to voice their opinion without interference.

D-California, said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "He knew this picture was there, and he could've come clean and talked to African-Americans that he's close to decades ago."

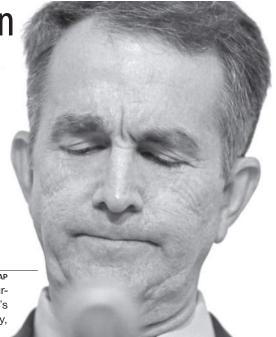
Northam worshipped at his home church, the predominantly black First Baptist in Capeville, but otherwise kept out of sight on Sunday as calls intensified for him to step down.

A Northam official, who was not authorized to speak on the record, said the governor met Sunday evening with minority officials in his administration. It wasn't immediately

genuous," Rep. Karen Bass, known what was discussed and the official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Even if Northam doesn't resign, the scandal threatens to cripple his ability to govern. He has lost the support of virtually all of the state's Democratic establishment. Top Republicans in the Virginia General Assembly also urged Northam to step down, as did many declared and potential Democratic presidential candidates.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam pauses during a news conference in the Governor's Mansion in Richmond, Va., on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019.



ACROSS THE NATION

5 die. 2 hospitalized when plane parts hit California house

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP)-Five people died and two others were injured after a small plane apparently came apart, raining debris across a Southern California neighborhood and igniting a house fire before landing in a backyard, authorities said Sunday. The male pilot, who was the only person in the twin-engine plane, and four people in the Yorba Linda house that caught fire died Sunday, Orange County Sheriff's Lt. Cory Martino said at a news conference Sunday night. He says the deceased occupants of the home were two males and two females. No other identifying information such as names or ages was immediately released. The Cessna 414A took off from the Fullerton Municipal Airport about a dozen miles west of the blaze, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer said.

Authorities: 4 die in Dallas from carbon monoxide poisoning

DALLAS (AP)—Four people have been found dead in a house under construction in Dallas. The Dallas Morning News reports that authorities say the two men and two children are believed to have died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans says a generator powering a heater and cellphones was inside the house and had run long enough for the carbon monoxide to reach fatal levels. Fire officials and police were called to the house in Dallas' Oak Cliff neighborhood about 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The victims' names and ages haven't been released, but Evans says the children were young boys. Property owner Hector Medrano says the men were construction workers who recently had to move from their apartments. He says he let them sleep in the home overnight.

Boy, 4, finds gun and shoots pregnant mom in the face

SEATTLE (AP)—A 4-yearold boy in a Washington state apartment found a loaded gun under a mattress and used it to shoot his pregnant mother in the face, authorities said Sunday. The 27-year-old woman and her boyfriend were watching television in bed Saturday when their son found the gun between the mattress and box spring, King County Sheriff's Office spokesman Sgt. Ryan Abbott said. "He unintentionally shot his mom in the face," Abbott said. The woman, who is eight months pregnant, was taken to a hospital with lifethreatening injuries. She was transferred to another hospital Sunday in improved condition, Abbott said. The boy's father told deputies he borrowed the gun for protection, Abbott said. The gun wasn't reported stolen and is unregistered, he said. Under a new state law, gun owners could face criminal charges for not safely storing a gun, but Abbott noted it doesn't go into effect until July. The case is under investigation.



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/S/ ELI D. CABRERA Administrator, Becq

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN



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/S/ ELI D. CABRERA ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN **DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY**



SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 01, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"CNMI STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE **OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN FOR THE OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT"**

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/S/ EPIPHANIO E, CABRERA, JR. ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF GRANTS

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/S/ ARLENE KAY A. YAMAGATA DIRECTOR OF OVR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR OF P&S

World

Outsider romps to victory in El Salvador presidential vote

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — A former mayor of El Salvador's capital romped to victory in Sunday's presidential election, winning more votes than his two closest rivals combined to end a quarter century of two-party dominance in the crime-plagued Central America nation.

The Supreme Electoral Court declared Nayib Bukele the winner, saying he had nearly 54 percent of the votes, with nearly 90 percent of ballots counted. Carlos Callejas of the Nationalist Republican Alliance was far behind in second with less than 32 percent, while even farther back were former Foreign Minister Hugo Martinez of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and a minor party candidate.

Bukele surpassed the 50 percent of the votes needed to avoid a March runoff, and he



Presidential frontrunner Nayib Bukele, of the Grand Alliance for National Unity, waves while accompanied by his wife Gabriela before giving a press conference in San Salvador, El Salvador, Feb. 3, 2019.

had already claimed victory before a jubilant crowd in the capital and invited supporters to celebrate in the streets.

"We have full certainty that we have won the presidency, and we have won in the first round," Bukele said.

All four candidates prom-

ised to end corruption, stamp out gang violence and create more jobs, with crushing crime at the top of the agenda. Roughly 67,000 Salvadorans belong to gangs that terrorize their communities with extortion, murder and other forms of violence.

creating economic opportunities and restoring social values to dissuade Salvadorans from engaging in criminal behavior.

There were no reports of major problems in voting.

Bukele, 37, made his political debut in 2012 as a smalltown mayor with the now-ruling FMLN and won election in the capital three years later, automatically making him a potential presidential contender. But his frequent criticism of the leftist party's leadership led to his expulsion, and he wound up as the unlikely standard-bearer of a small conservative party known as the Grand Alliance for National Unity, whose initials — GANA — mean "win"

The FMLN and the conservative Alliance, known as ARENA, have dominated Salvadoran politics since a 1992

peace deal that ended a brutal civil war. But both parties have been stained by corruption scandals and neither has been able to stem gang violence.

Pope in UAE for historic trip after call for Yemen relief

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Pope Francis landed Sunday in Abu Dhabi on the first-ever papal trip to the Arabian Peninsula, where he is seeking to turn a page in Christian-Muslim relations while also ministering to a unique, thriving Catholic community.

Sunday Francis earlier called for the urgent observation of a limited cease-fire in Yemen reached in December and for food and medicine to get to its people, who are suffering the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

He made the appeal at the Vatican before boarding a plane to the United Arab Emirates, which has been Saudi Arabia's main ally in its war in Yemen—a way to avoid embarrassing his hosts with a public call while in the region. Abu Dhabi's powerful crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, greeted the pontiff with smiles along with Cabinet ministers and an honor guard when he landed around 9:50 p.m. in the Emirati capital.

"The people are exhausted by the long conflict and many children are hungry, but humanitarian aid isn't accessible," Francis said in his noontime Sunday blessing. "The cries of these children and their parents rise up" to God.

Francis traveled to Abu Dhabi to participate in a conference on interreligious dialogue sponsored the Emirates-based Muslim Council of Elders, an initiative that seeks to counter religious fanaticism by promoting a moderate brand of Islam. It's the brainchild of Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the grand imam of Egypt's Al-Azhar, the revered 1,000-year-old seat of Sunni Islam that trains clerics and scholars from around the world.

US, South Korean diplomats meet ahead of Trump-Kim summit The candidates proposed vided no further details about he can't do that on the path

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Senior U.S. and South Korean officials met Sunday to discuss an expected second summit between President Donald Trump and North Ko-

rean leader Kim Jong Un.

Trump's special envoy for North Korea, Stephen Biegun, arrived in South Korea earlier amid reports that he'll meet North Korean officials soon to work out details for the summit.

Trump told CBS' "Face the Nation" that "the meeting is set" with Kim, but he prothe meeting expected around the end of February. The president said there was "a very good chance that we will make a deal."

With the North under economic penalties and the U.S. unwilling to ease them under the North denuclearizes, Trump said Kim "has a chance to have North Korea be a tremendous economic behemoth. It has a chance to be one of the great economic countries in the world. He can't do that with nuclear weapons and

they're on now."

Seoul's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Biegun and his South Korean counterpart Lee Do-hoon held consultations about working-level U.S.-North Korea talks ahead of the summit.

South Korean media reported Biegun and his North Korean counterpart Kim Hyok Chol will likely meet at the inter-Korean border village of Panmunjom or in the North's capital of Pyongyang early this week.



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"PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CLASS "I" VEHICLE—2018 OR NEWER MODEL (A)

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/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER SECRETARY, DCCA

/S/ VIVIAN M. LIZAMA ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S



SUBMISSION DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PURC<u>hase of one (1) New Pick-up Truck, 4wd, 4x4</u> FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, **DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE"**

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/S/ <u>Anthony T. Benavente</u> Secretary, DLNR

/S/ JOSEPH A. TUDELA ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S



RFP19-CHCC/BUSINESS OFFICE-008 SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 4, 2019 TIME: 09:00AM

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY



SUBMISSION DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2019 TIME: 09:30 A.M. "PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CLASS "J" VEHICLE, FIFTEEN PASSENGER VAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE ON AGING"

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/S/ <u>Joseph A. Tudela</u> Acting director, P&S



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The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting invitation for bids for new 2019-2020 vehicles (5 Door All Wheel Drive Utility Vehicle).

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<u>/s/ Alexandro C. Castro</u> Judiciary Expenditure Authority

<u>/s/John T. Villagomez</u> Judiciary Procurement officer



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"DATA STORAGE, MANAGEMENT, AND SHARING SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (OPD)"

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/S/ VIVIAN M. LIZAMA ACTING DIRECTOR P&S

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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Life & Style

Super Bowl ad winners: Bud Light, Amazon

NEW YORK (AP)—This year some of the Super Bowl ads that grabbed the greatest buzz were surprises, like Bud Light's "Game of Thrones" teaser. Other crowd-pleasers focused on humor, like Amazon's take on celebrity product testers.

While the New England Patriots bested the L.A. Rams on Sunday in Atlanta during Super Bowl 53, brands were also winning and losing off the field. Some spots, like Google's ad about its translation service, charmed many viewers. But others like Mint Mobile's ad about "chunky milk" fell flat.

BEST Amazon

The Amazon ad was an early crowd pleaser when it was released well ahead of the game. Harrison Ford, Forest Whitaker and other celebrities test out rejected Amazon products that feature its Alexa digital assistant, such as a talking electric toothbrush and a dog collar.

Bud Light

Bud Light's crossover with Game of Thrones was a hit because it came as such a surprise. What started out as the "Bud Knight" in a jousting tournament morphs into a promo for the next "Game of Thrones" season.

"It was somewhat confusing at first," said Mark DiMassimo, chief of ad agency DiMassimo Goldstein. "But it was super engaging and fun and surprising."

Stella Artois

To tout its partnership with Water.org, which helps provide clean water to the developing world, the beer maker shows two 1990s icons giving up their signature drinks for a philanthropy-supporting brew. "The Dude"—a Jeff Bridges character from "The Big Lebowski"—forgoes his White Russian,



This undated image provided by Anheuser-Busch shows a scene from the company's Bud Light 2019 Super Bowl NFL football spot.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH VIA AP

while Sarah Jessica Parker's Carrie Bradshaw from "Sex and the City" eschews her cosmopolitan. The 1990s nostalgia was a hit with viewers.

Hulu

Hulu kicked off the evening's

surprises during the first break with an ad that started out like Ronald Reagan's 1984 campaign ad "Morning in America." But it was soon revealed to be a teaser for the next season of "The Handmaid's Tale." "Wake up America, morning's over," a voiceover stated.

"It was a great misdirect and great placement," DiMassimo said.

Google

An ad promoting its Google

Translate service pointed out that although "words can hurt and sometimes divide," the most translated words in the world are "How are you," "Thank you" and "I love you."

Kim Whitler, marketing professor at the University of Virginia, said the ad was an example of how the night's "most powerful ads focused on unity, positivity and commonality."

Microsoft

Another heart-tugger was Microsoft's ad showing a disabled child talking excitedly about the fun he had using an adaptive Xbox controller designed for players with mobility limitations.

"It combined true emotion, great storytelling, and relevant product innovation with an insight about their category (gaming) as a great equalizer," DiMassimo said.

Gladys Knight, Chloe x Halle give thanks after performance

ATLANTA (AP)—Not everyone is watching Super Bowl 53 for the love of football—celebrities are a big part of the day, too. Here's a breakdown of what is happening with entertainers on Sunday in Atlanta.

GLADYS KNIGHT, CHLOE X HALLE FILLED WITH JOY

Gladys Knight was all smiles as she blew kisses to everyone, and Chloe x Halle were almost speechless after their pregame performance at Super Bowl 53.

Knight called her rendition of the "The Star-Spangled Banner" an "exciting moment" and "one to remember" in the tunnel of the Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where the New England Patriots played the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday in Atlanta. The 74-year-old singer was all smiles as she thanked everyone who supported her through the controversy involving performers who were criticized for performing at the NFL's marquee game.

Before Knight performed, the R&B sister duo Chloe x Halle sang "America the Beautiful." The group said their experience was "wonderful" and were "thankful to God" for the opportunity.

Both Knight and Chloe x Halle put on strong performances. They have been surrounded by the controversy after some have boycotted the NFL over treatment of Colin Kaepernick, the former quarterback who protested racial injustice by kneeling during the national anthem.

While some performers declined participation in the Super Bowl, Knight said she hoped her anthem would unite people.

Maroon 5, Travis Scott and Big Boi will headline the halftime show at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

JAMIE FOXX TAKES SELFIES WITH CIVIL RIGHTS ICONS

Jamie Foxx took several selfies with civil rights pioneers John Lewis and Andrew Young on the sidelines before kickoff at Super Bowl 53.

After taking pictures with them, Foxx shook Lewis and Young's hand then told them they inspire him. Lewis and Young were sitting in the back of the golf cart while Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s youngest daughter Bernice King sat in the front.

Beforehand, Foxx strolled down the sideline and took videos of the crowd at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium as many chanted his name before the New England Patriots faced the Los Angeles Rams in Atlanta on Sunday. The Oscar-winning actor said he is a longtime fan of the Dallas Cowboys, but he is rooting for the Patriots.

"I'm going with Tom Brady today," Foxx said. "I think he's going to pull it off."

Foxx said he's been coming to the Super Bowl for many years calling each time a "different experience." He performed at the Maxim party that also featured Future and Diplo on Saturday night.

"I've been coming to the Super Bowl for many years," he said. "Every year, it's special. It's great. It's nothing like football."

Promising relationship fades with man's missing smile

EAR ABBY: I need your advice. I'm a 66-year-old woman who has been single most of my life. I am semi-retired and don't look or act my age.

I recently met the man of my dreams on a dating

I recently met the man of my dreams on a dating app. We are the same age, and the attraction is mutual. However, there's one thing I'm having trouble with. He lives on Social Security, which is OK, but he has no upper teeth. He lost his false teeth. His bottom teeth are rotten, and he has no intention of replacing them.

I would be willing to pay for his teeth, but because I'm not sure how to approach the subject, I have decided not to see him anymore. We have agreed to stay in contact by texting. I don't know how to handle this. Can you help me?

TURNED OFF IN VIRGINIA

DEAR TURNED OFF: Your ideal man has more problems than having lost his uppers. His lack of attention to dental hygiene is a danger to his health. If you care about him, point it out. And when you do, explain that there are low-cost options for getting treatment -- such as contacting a school of dentistry where students treat patients under the supervision of qualified professors. If his problem is fear of dentists, that can be dealt with too.

Rather than write any checks to pay for his new teeth, encourage him to be more proactive in taking care of himself. If you do, you'll be doing him a favor.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read letters in your column about lazy adult sons moving back home. I'd like to present the other side of the story.

After being gone 15 years, my son lost his job, house and wife and had to move back with us. I admit I was apprehensive, but on his first day home he started to rebuild our 30-year-old patio. After that, he painted our house, installed air conditioning in our garage, planted and harvested a garden, which he maintained, landscaped the yard and helped in numerous other ways.

Soon he found a good job and a great girlfriend. He eventually bought a home and moved out. He lives nearby and still maintains our vehicles and helps out a lot around the house with things my wife and I find difficult to do. He borrowed my truck one day and brought it home with four new tires!

Abby, I thought you might be interested to read an upbeat story on this subject for a change. (I have a great daughter, too —but that's a different story.)

GRATEFUL DAD IN NEVADA

DEAR GRATEFUL DAD: You are absolutely right that I am interested. Thank you for such an upbeat letter. I don't know what your recipe was for child rearing, but I'm sorry you didn't share it. Your son is a gem!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY ASIAN READERS WHO

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR: I wish a happy, healthy new year to all of you who celebrate this holiday. The Year of the Pig begins today. People born in the Year of the Pig are warmhearted, loyal, honest and gentle. (They can also be naive, gullible, sluggish and short-tempered.) On the upside, they seem to be blessed with intelligence and creativity. Notable individuals born in the Year of the Pig include Stephen King, Julie Andrews, Duke Ellington, Lucille Ball, Magic Johnson, Ernest Hemingway and Elton John.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda D. Adoption of Minutes
- October 09, 2018 & December 22, 2018

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Deadline for Spring 2019
- Supporting documents **B.** Review and Approval of Spring 2019 applicants
- IV. MISCELLANEOUS
- V. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION² VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Irving, Celtics outlast Thunder in thriller

BOSTON (AP)— Eight days after letting a win slip away against the Golden State Warriors, the Celtics were able to

finish the job against another tough Western Conference opponent.

Kyrie Irving had 30 points and 11 assists as Boston overcame big games from Oklahoma City stars Paul George and Russell Westbrook to snap the Thunder's sevengame win streak in a 134-129 thriller on Sunday.

Boston has won four straight since a 115-111 home loss to the Warriors on Jan. 26 and has won nine of its last 10 games overall.

"We battled against Golden State, but (this is) a good win," said Al Horford, who had 17 points and nine assists. "This team has been playing really well and it's just good to get this win here at home."

Marcus Morris had 19 points, Marcus Smart added 18 and seven assists and Daniel Theis had 14 off the Celtics bench.

George scored 37 points Russell Westbrook notched his sixth straight triple-double and 19th of the season with 22 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds.

"We just played a good team," George said. "I thought they made some big plays, big shots. Gotta live with it."

Steven Adams and Dennis Schroeder each had 16 points for Oklahoma City, and Jerami Grant scored 15.

Oklahoma City suffered its first loss since a 138-128 overtime setback against the Los Angeles Lakers on Jan. 17.

Westbrook made two free throws to pull Oklahoma City within 127-125 with 45.9 seconds remaining after Boston had led by six with 1:27 to go.

Irving's driving finger-roll with 23.3 seconds left put Boston up by four, but Grant answered with a 3-pointer to bring the Thunder within 129-128.

Oklahoma City squandered a chance to take the lead after Jayson Tatum missed one of two free throws. Irving stripped Westbrook with 8.1 seconds on the clock and Horford got the ball back to Tatum, who sealed the win at the line.

"In a (tight) game like that, I've just got to take care of the ball, so that's on me," Westbrook said.

Irving said "instincts" led him to gamble on his steal of Westbrook.

"It's winning time," Irving said. "I feel like when the ball's in my hand, I've just got to make the right play. Being down the stretch, just trying to make the right decisions."



Gasol, Conley eager for answers during trade deadline week

NEW YORK (AP)—Marc Gasol forgot his cellphone overnight on the Grizzlies' team bus over the weekend, giving himself some stressfree time in New York.

"I'm like, if I get traded then so be it," Gasol said.

He and Mike Conley won't be able to hide quite so easily the next few days.

The NBA trade deadline is Thursday afternoon, and Memphis has told the franchise mainstays it is listening to offers for both . Conley acknowledges it will be an emotional week envi-

Irving, George and Westbrook combined for 89 points in the nationally-televised affair that served as a warm-up act for the Super Bowl.

"Going against the best is always a great challenge," Irving said. "You just want to stay consistent in this game. That's how you get respect. That's all I really care about, getting wins."

Raptors 121, Clippers 103

In Toronto, the Raptors made quick work of the weary Los Angeles Clippers.

Kawhi Leonard scored 18 points, Serge Ibaka had 16 points and 12 rebounds and the Raptors beat the Clippers for their 10th victory in their last 11 home games.

Before the game, Los Angeles coach Doc Rivers bemoaned the lack of rest his team got following a 5 p.m. start Saturday in Detroit, in which the Clippers erased a 25-point deficit to beat the Pistons 111-101.

sioning the end of an era.

"Before I would have said no, it wouldn't have been on my mind, not having been in this situation," he said. "But I'm not going to lie, it's going to creep in because you know that it's possible that one or both will be gone, and either way it'll be the last time we're playing together with him, or for the team, or whatever."

The Grizzlies have fallen out of the playoff race, but teams who are in it might be interested in adding one of the respected veterans. Dur-

"This is a ridiculous backto-back," Rivers said.

After watching his team trail by double digits throughout the second half, Rivers said he decided not to push his players and risk injuries.

"I felt like this was probably going to be a second-half game for us, you know, if we could keep within string distance and maybe steal it in the second half, but we just didn't have anything," he said. "That's why I took guys out.

"We had dead legs. I thought you could see it defensively, we weren't moving our feet. It was one of those schedule losses, really. I thought it was going to be a tough night and it was."

Clippers guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander said fatigue was "definitely" a factor in the outcome.

"It's hard to play a whole other 48 minutes in less than 24 hours," the rookie said.

Gilgeous-Alexander, born in nearby Hamilton, had 19 points to lead Los Angeles.

family, Gasol said it's easy to ignore the trade chatter. But the Grizzlies have been on the road, with plenty of time alone in hotel rooms where the mind tends to wander.

'So yeah, it is a little weird, but it's coming to an end one way or another," Gasol said.

Conley is eager for that.

"You look forward to that deadline passing," Conley said. "Either way it goes, you just want to get clarity and understand your situation going forward, and you try to block it out but it's hard.

talks to you in person mentions something about it, so it's hard to run from it. But you just hope for the week to get through real quick and get back to business, whether it's here or anywhere else."

Meanwhile, Dirk Nowitzki might have one of the busiest schedules at All-Star weekend.

He's an honorary coach of the World team at the Rising Stars Challenge. The next night, he'll take part in the 3-point contest. Finally, he'll play in the All-Star Game

ing games or at home with the Everybody who texts you or after he and Dwyane Wade were selected by Commissioner Adam Silver as special roster additions.

It's a pretty full workload for anyone.

Imagine what it takes to handle an NBA season at age 40.

"If anybody knew the amount of work that he's put in to get to a point where he can come out on the floor and help our team and still shoot the ball the way he shoots it and scramble around and defend, they'd be absolutely amazed," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said

"He came in and played great," Rivers said. "He was first home loss since Dec. 9.

Lou Williams had 18 points as the Clippers lost for the third time in four games.

the bright spot."

Toronto improved to 8-0 when playing with at least one day of rest and facing an opponent playing the second game of a back-to-back. The Raptors are 4-0 at home in such games.

"That's a good stat," Wright said. "I guess we're taking advantage of that."

Ibaka has a career-best six straight double-doubles, Toronto's longest streak since Chris Bosh had eight in November 2009.

Pascal Siakam and C.J. Miles each had 15 points, and Delon Wright added 14. All-Star guard Kyle Lowry sat out because of a sore back. Lowry also missed six games in December and January because of back pain. Fred VanVleet started in Lowry's place.

The Raptors bounced back after losing at home to Milwaukee on Thursday night, their

"We were on national TV and I felt like we just dropped the ball," Wright said about the 105-92 loss to the NBAleading Bucks.

Grizzlies 96, Knicks 84

In Memphis, Marc Gasol was conducting his postgame interviews when his cellphone began buzzing with a call from his agent.

it was trade news, it could wait until after he was done talking basketball.

"I'm not in the mood right now," Gasol said, smiling. "I still want to enjoy this."

Especially because his team had just looked like the Memphis Grizzlies of old.

Mike Conley scored 25 points, Gasol had 24 and Memphis snapped a ninegame road losing streak with a victory over the New York Knicks.

Memphis had lost three in a

row and 17 of its last 19 overall but didn't allow more than 22 points in a quarter Sunday in a performance that used to be the norm when the Grizzlies were a perennial playoff team, not one that could be preparing for a rebuild.

"This showed that we still have that, have that core gritgrind kind of mentality regardless of how we've been playing," Conley said.

Conley added eight rebounds and seven assists in Gasol declined to answer. If a strong return to the lineup after missing a game with left knee soreness. Gasol chipped in nine rebounds in what could have been the longtime teammates' final road game with the Grizzlies.

> The team has fallen from playoff contention after a strong start and told the players it will listen to offers for both ahead of Thursday's NBA trade deadline. Conley and Gasol both acknowledged it's been hard not to think about their futures in recent days.

First full USMNT squad will face Ecuador



CALIFOR-NIA—Hours before Gregg Berhalter's second match as

U.S. Men's National Team coach, U.S. Soccer officially announced the USMNT's next opponent.

The USMNT will open the March FIFA international week with a friendly match against Ecuador on Thursday, March 21 in Orlando, Fla. La Tricolor missed out on the 2018 World Cup but still features a quality side headlined by Manchester United's Antonio Valencia. FC Dallas' Carlos Gruezo, Tigres UANL's Enner Valencia and West Bromwich Albion's Jefferson Montero are also regulars in the squad.

"Ecuador has an experienced, athletic team that will provide a good test for our group. We will use this opportunity to continue to build on the foundation of the team as we develop our style of play," Berhalter said in a statement. "Playing in Orlando City Stadium is a great soccer experience—the atmosphere is fantastic."

The match against Ecuador is the first in a two-match series against South American sides in March. In late January, U.S. Soccer announced the USMNT would host Chile in Houston, Texas on March 26, five days after the match in Orlando.

Meanwhule, Sebastian Lletget headed the ball down and the emotions overtook him as soon as the ball went into the net.

In the same stadium where he scored his first international goal before a devastating foot injury he feared might have ended his career, Lletget delivered a much happier highlight in front of family and



U.S. midfielder Jonathan Lewis (18) beats Costa Rica defender Keysher Fuller (4) to the ball during the second half of an international friendly soccer match Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019, in San Jose, Calif. The United States won, 2-0.

friends who made the short drive down from his native San Francisco.

Lletget scored and assisted in his first game back at Avaya Stadium since the injury, leading the United States over Costa Rica 2-0 in an exhibition Saturday that made Berhalter just the third coach to win his first two matches with the American national team.

"From the last time I was here, it's always going to be difficult when I step into this building," Lletget said. "I'm glad I have another good memory to overcome everything that happened."

The 26-year-old midfielder entered in the second half, scored in the 80th minute off a cross from Jonathan Lewis, then fed Paul Arriola for the second goal in the 88th minute.

Both international goals by Lletget were scored less than an hour drive from where he grew up. He put the U.S. ahead of Honduras in the fifth minute of a World Cup qualifier at Avaya on March 24, 2017, then sustained a Lisfranc injury to his left foot 10 minutes later on a slide tackle that earned defender Ever Alvarado a yellow card.

Lletget needed surgery and did not return to the field for the LA Galaxy until the following March 4. He did not appear again for the national team until last Nov. 15.

"I didn't know if I was going to play again," he said. "I

thought it was a sprain and then you go, 'I don't know when you're going to walk.' Six months later I'm just walking again. I overcame a lot."

Berhalter began with a 3-0 win over Panama last weekend and joined Bob Bradley (2007) and Robert Millar (1930) as the only coaches to win their first two U.S. matches.

Berhalter was hired in December after the U.S. went more than a year without a full-time coach following the

failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. Bruce Arena quit after the loss at Trinidad in the final qualifier, and Dave Sarachan took over as the interim coach.

The 45-year-old Berhalter was a member of the 2002 and '06 World Cup teams and became the first American to coach the national team after playing for it at the World Cup.

Sixteen players from Major League Soccer started in a match that drew just 13,656. Because the game was not on a FIFA international date, the entire U.S. roster was from MLS.

After a mostly lackluster first half, Nick Lima hit the post from inside the box in the 54th and Roldan struck a post from outside the box in the 68th as the U.S. started creating chances.

"I think the mentality in the first half was too passive," Berhalter said. "We wanted to be much more aggressive. We addressed that at halftime."

Lletget entered in the 63rd minute and broke through after Wil Trapp sent a long pass to Jonathan Lewis, who settled the ball and then sent a cross through the box that Lletget headed down. Trapp was inserted in the starting lineup in place of former captain Michael Bradley, one of two U.S. changes. Arriola took over from Jeremy Ebobisse.

The Americans put the game away when Lletget took a kick from goalkeeper Zack Steffen near midfield and then sent a pass to Arriola, who beat goalkeeper Esteban Alvarado to the ball and chipped it in before taking a tumble.

"He came in and changed the game for us," Trapp said of Lletget.

Fowler overcomes triple bogey to win Phoenix Oper



SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)— Standing above a greenside bunker at TPC Scotts-

dale's difficult par-4 11th hole, Rickie Fowler turned just in time to see his ball, one he had just placed after penalty, trickle into the water.

Fowler had already seen his share of bad luck at the Phoenix Open. Now balls were rolling into hazards on their own.

Unable to catch a break, Fowler took it upon himself to create his own.

Fowler shook off a bizarre triple bogey on No. 11 with clutch shots down the stretch, finally winning the tournament Sunday that had twice eluded him.

"I didn't think it would be easy, but the way I was playing

this week, I thought it would have been easier," Fowler said. "It was kind of grind it out. I had a couple of tough breaks and had to deal with the punches—a couple big ones—but it feels good now."

After a pair of 64s and a 65, Fowler shot 3-over 74 in the final round on a soggy Sunday at TPC Scottsdale, highest by a winner in tournament history. He finished at 17-under 267 to beat Branden Grace by two shots for his fifth PGA Tour title.

Fowler had another over-par round with a 54-hole lead—he's 7 for 7 there—but birdied two of his final four holes to win from the third-round lead for the second time, with the 2017 Honda Classic the other.

Fowler also had a double bogey on the par-4 fifth hole, becoming the first PGA Tour player to win with a double bogey and triple bogey or worse since 1983.

"He really dug down and pulled it off," Grace said.

Fowler has experienced his share of heartbreak at the Phoenix Open. He had the 54-hole lead last year and shot a 2-over 73 to finish six shots behind Gary Woodlandr. In 2016, Fowler blew a two-shot lead with two holes to go before losing in a playoff to Hideki Matsuyama, twice hitting it into the water on the drivable par-4 17th.

None of it compared to what happened to him Sunday.

Leading by four to start the day, he was up five shots stepping onto the tee on No. 11. The lead was one after a bizarre sequence of events at the long par 4.

With rain picking up, Fowler hit his approach shot right of the green and his chip skipped past the flag into the water, incurring a two-shot penalty. He dropped next to a bunker and, as he stood on the green surveying his next shot, his ball rolled back into the water without being touched.

PGA Tour rules official Slugger White determined Fowler's ball was in play after the drop, so he was assessed a one-shot penalty. Fowler got up-and-down from there, knocking in a 17-foot putt for triple-bogey 7—his seventh double bogey or worse when playing with a 54-hole lead.

"That was a big kind of turnaround," Fowler said. "At worst I make bogey with a semi-decent chip and I'm still very much in control of the tournament. But with everything that happened there, that was a (four-) shot swing pretty

quickly. It sucks, but it's just kind of put that behind me."

Grace made a 50-foot birdie putt just ahead on the par-3 12th and they were tied at 15 under when Fowler couldn't get up-and-down from the bunker on the same hole. Grace went up one with a 3-foot birdie putt on No. 13.

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Fowler refused to cave. He reached the par-5 15th in two from 239 yards out and his two-putt birdie pulled him into a tie for the lead. Grace then pulled his tee shot into the water at the short par-4 17th, hit his third shot into the bunker after a penalty and took a bogey, giving Fowler a one-shot lead.

Fowler drove the green on the 336-yard 17th and two-putted for birdie to stretch his lead to two shots.

The drama didn't end there.

Grace got up-and-down for par from short right of the 18th green, finishing at 15 under after a 2-under 69.

Fowler pulled his tee shot on 18 left, landing in the tall grass between the church pew bunkers. He hacked the ball out short of the green and got up-and-down for the long-awaited victory.

"I think he's going to get more out of something like that, showing resilience and coming back like that, as opposed to going out there and winning by four or five," said Justin Thomas, who finished third, three behind Fowler after a 72.

Maybe in the future. Right after the round, Fowler was wiped out after the emotional roller coaster.

"I never want to go through anything like that again," he said. "That was not fun."

Seasoned veterans, promising young guns team up for GCA

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Grace Christian Academy will be counting on their veterans' experience, as well as the fiery spirits of their young guns when they aim to seize the volleyball crowns for the boys and girls divisions of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League.

The No. 1 Eagles will be playing the second-ranked Saipan International School in the pair of title matches tomorrow with the girls finals set for 3:30pm and the boys championship game scheduled for 4:30pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

One of the veterans on GCA's roster is Jasmine Phan, who has a lot of personal stake in the highly anticipated finale, as this will be her last.

"It is a bittersweet feeling knowing that this championship game will be my last, but I'm very excited to be in the finals one more time before I graduate," Phan said.

The Lady Eagles team



Grace Christian Academy senior Jasmin Phan, left, tosses the ball over during their semis game against Agape Christian School in the CCOPSA volleyball league last Friday at the GCA court in Navy Hill.

captain also talked about the weight of responsibility that comes with being the oldest member of the team.

"The pressure of being the oldest player is that they (the younger players) look up to me and I have to stay strong

even when I'm struggling," Phan added.

Wilgene Lieto—one of the two 12th graders on GCA's

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"It's the toughest loss I ever had," Goff said. "It kills. It's ter-

rible. It's a game I wish I would have played better. I wish I could have a million plays back." Goff played a large role in

the Rams' defeat, yet almost nothing went right for a team that has been frequently brilliant with the ball in its hands.

With just 260 total yards, just six first downs in the first three quarters and a seasonhigh nine punts, the Rams barely resembled a McVaycoached offense while matching the lowest-scoring performance in Super Bowl history.

Los Angeles has led the league in points per game over the past two seasons, yet the Rams became just the second team in NFL history to fail to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl.

Casual football fans getting their first looks at the Rams at a Super Bowl party probably had no idea how LA got to Atlanta after watching this tentative, inconsistent performance. All of the Rams' re-

cent success came to a weird anticlimax at Mercedes-Benz Stadium with their lowestscoring performance in 36 games under the 33-year-old head coach.

"I'm pretty numb right now, but definitely I got outcoached," McVay said. "I didn't do nearly a good enough job for our football team. ... This one is going to stick with you. It just stings in your gut."

Though Goff's teammates and coaches refused to blame him, Los Angeles' 24-yearold quarterback had one of the

rougher performances in Super Bowl history. Along with his 19 incompletions, he was sacked four times, committed a key false start in the fourth quarter and finished with a 57.9 passer rating.

The Rams all seemed to know exactly what Bill Belichick had done against them defensively. The Pats showed deceptive fronts before the snap, and they frequently retreated into zone pass defenses that forced Goff to find open receivers in a confusing coverage.

over the Rams.

"My name was called," he said. "I was asked to make a couple plays and we were able

Edelman and Brady made one final connection-at midfield with confetti flying around them. They embraced for several moments—eyes filled with

Area boys that love football, love to compete and are living out our dreams," Edelman said before taking a second to clarify one small detail.

"I think he held me," the bushybearded Edelman said with a big

ing ending to a big-time comeback season for Edelman, a guy considered by Brady to be like a little brother—some teammates even jokingly say they have a "bromance" and widely regarded as one of the greatest slot receivers in league history.

boys team, echoed Phan's statements.

the see whole team as my

family, and being the oldest, it much from it." means that I have the pressure of making sure that everyone—including myself—can play at our best," Lieto said.

Phan and Lieto's on and off court leadership and their years of experience in the league motivate their younger teammates, including freshmen Clerisse Dacumos and Karina Dilse.

Dacumos and Dilse play key roles in the Lady Eagles' campaign this season, with the former taking the starting setter role on the team and the latter alternating as backrow receiver and spiker. The two young players on the GCA side are both ecstatic for the opportunity to contribute to their team's championship aspirations.

"I feel hyped and excited about playing in the finals in the CCOPSA for the first time. Of course, I feel just a tiny bit nervous, but I mean that's normal as from what I've heard," Dacumos said.

Dilse had the same feeling about the winner-takeall game.

"For me to play in the championships for the first time in a high school volleyball tournament is very exciting and maybe a little overwhelming,' the ninth grader said. "The

been such a fun experience and I have learned so

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As for the young guns of the GCA's boys team, ninth graders Sam Ryu and Steven Balakrishna could relate to Dacumos and Dilse's emotions.

"I feel very nervous because this is my first year of being involved with the high school volleyball team and we are in the finals," said Ryu, who is the team's starting server. "I hope we will win in the championship game!"

Balakrishna, last season's MVP when he was still playing in the middle school division, has made tremendous contributions to GCA's high school team, as he is one of the steady spikers of the Eagles. Though he is doing well in his freshman year, Balakrishna acknowledged that playing in the high school league has been a challenge that has pushed him to improve even more.

"Being one of the youngest players on the team and in the first six, I feel very pressured to play with the other big boys," Balakrishna said. "I have played in only one championship and it was during [last year's] JV season. This time, it's the high school championship. This will be very different, but I will play my best and not hold back."

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Against the Rams, Brady completed 21 of 35 passes for 262 yards with no touchdowns and one interception.

Similarly, Patriots coach Bill Belichick tightened his grip on NFL history, extending his hold on the most Super Bowl victories. He now has six, which is two more than former Steelers coach Chuck Noll. He also became the oldest head coach in history—at 66 years old—to win the big game, taking the mark from former Giants coach and current Jaguars executive vice president of football operations Tom Coughlin, who won the game at 65 years old when New York toppled the Patriots, 21-17, in Super Bowl XLVI.

This marked the third consecutive time the Patriots had made the Super Bowl.

Brady, 41, just completed his 19th season in the NFL and won his first Lombardi Trophy in February 2002 when he helped beat the then-St. Louis Rams 20-17 in Super Bowl XXXVI.

He also became the oldest quarterback in NFL history to win a Super Bowl.

Meanwhile, Rob Gronkowski now has the most catches by a tight end in Super Bowl

The New England Patriots tight end brought in a 19-yard reception from Brady midway through the first quarter on Sunday in their matchup against the Los Angeles Rams in Atlanta, marking his 18th career catch in the Super Bowl, the most by any tight end in NFL history.

Gronkowsk was previously tied with former Dallas Cowbovs tight end Jav Novacek, who recorded 17 catches in three Super Bowl appearances.

The 29-year-old—who has played in four Super Bowls for the Patriots-had nine receptions for 116 yards and two touchdowns in their 41-33 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl last season, which helped him move up the list significantly. Gronkowski had six receptions in the Super Bowl in 2016, and two in 2012.

Heading into Sunday's game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Gronkowski has recorded 602 receptions for 8,937 yards and 91 touchdowns in seven seasons with the Patriots.

Gronkowski finished the night with six receptions for 87 yards, bringing his career total to 23.

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expected to be named Miami Dolphins coach as early as Monday, out with a victory.

"They played unbelievable," Brady said of the Patriots' defense. "Challenged all these plays. They held them."

The Rams' three points equaled the fewest scored in a Super Bowl.

When Goff began to find his grove late in the fourth quarter and the Rams trailing 10-3, Los Angeles drove inside New England's 30 for just the second time in the game.

The momentum proved to be short-lived.

Enter safety Duron Harmon. Playing in place of Patrick Chung after he suffered an arm injury in third quarter, Harmon combined with cornerback Stephon Gilmore to break up what would have been a touchdown pass to Brandin Cooks. Then, on the next play, Harmon pressured Goff on a blitz and forced him

into a throw into coverage that was intercepted by Gilmore.

"It was clutch," Gilmore said of his interception. "I knew he was going to force it up there. Our defensive line put a lot of pressure on him and he chucked it up there and I was able to make a play."

New England's offense took it from there, sealing the victory with a 9-play, 72-yard drive that ate up 3:05 and ended with a 41-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski.

The Patriots' defense gave Goff different looks all night and many of them seemed to confuse the 24-year-old quarterback. They routinely sent an extra deep safety on third-and-short situations and disguised their blitzes up the middle. The latter benefited linebacker Dont'a Hightower, who dropped Goff for a pair of sacks to stunt drives.

New England finished with four sacks for the game.

"We've got a special group," Hightower said. "We were able to do a lot of different stuff and they weren't able to pick it up. We were able to get a lot of oneon-one rushes all game and able to get up on the quarterback."

It added up to an abysmal performance by Los Angeles on third-down situations. The Rams were 0 for 6 on third down in the first half and 3 of 13 for game. New England also held Los Angeles to just 260 total yards.

Reliable as ever, **Edelman wins MVP**

Julian Edelman was forced to watch only as a spectator as his disappointed New England Patriots teammates trudged off the field a year ago as Super Bowl losers.

Catch after catch in this one, Brady's favorite wide receiver helped make them winners again.

"It's pretty surreal," Edelman said, shaking his head. "Tough times don't last, tough people do. I preach that, and, I guess you have to live to it."

Edelman certainly did Sunday night, earning Super Bowl MVP honors with 10 receptions for 141 yards while helping lift the Patriots to a victory

to do that."

the tears of champions. 'The hug was just two Bay

grin. "I didn't hold him."

It was an incredibly satisfy-

Saipan fans join Super Bowl party

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Good game (at least, defensively), good food, good company. What's not to like in Super Bowl LIII party hosted by various hotels and restaurants on island vesterday?

At Joe's Bar in Beach Road, around 40 enjoyed drinks, breakfast, and lunch for \$25.

Resort & Spa Saipan, Amari's Tavern, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan also offered freeflowing food and drinks and raffle prizes. Spectators got freebies/Super Bowl merchandise, too from event sponsors plus some cash to New England Patriots fans who won in friendly bets against their

friends who rooted for the un-

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

New England Patriots fans celebrate after their team scored a touchdown against the Los Angeles Rams during the Super Bowl LIII party Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club Saipan hosted yesterday.



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Spectators at Amari's Tavern are glued on the TV screens during the third guarter of the game between the Patriots and Rams.



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Joseph Deleon Guerrero, right, poses with his friends as they watch Super Bowl LIII at the Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club Saipan.



MARK RABAGO

Rams fans Carl Hocog, left, and Guam transplant Benjie Pangelinan at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's The End Zone.

Hyatt Regecy Saipan, Fiesta derdogs Los Angeles Rams.

"I always go to Super Bowl Party, especially if my Patriots are the ones playing," said Vince Terry, who came to watch the Pats historic feat wearing the team's hat and shirt. "Six championship, one quarterback. Who would not watch history unfolds."

Over at Amari's Tavern, a mixed of Pats and Rams fans enjoyed the defense-oriented game.

"Both teams are doing well on defense, I just hope that the underdogs will win (the match was tied at 3-all by the end of the third when he was interviewed) . I always go for the underdogs every time I watched Super Bowl and I am tired of Brady," said Ray Cepeda, who was seated next to his friend, Jason Feieran—a Pats fan.

"It's good to watch the Super Bowl with your buddies even though we support different teams. We have a friendly competition here," Fejeran said.

Joyce Cabrera also enjoyed the company of her husband, Peter John, and their friends, and the festive atmosphere at Amari's Tavern.

"I don't have a particular team, but since my husband supports the Rams, I go for the Rams, too," Cabrera said.

At Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club Saipan, former House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero was with his golf buddies and since his Seattle Seahawks did not make it to Super Bowl, he rooted for the Rams—his son's team.

"My son is an avid Rams fan and to support him, I am wearing the jersey of his favorite player—running back Todd Gurley," Deleon Guerrero said.

The Rams are also close to Jay Santos' heart so even though things were not looking good for his team, he is sticking with them.

"I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I always come here at PIC to watch Super Bowl because they always host a great party and this year, of course, I will not miss the show, as my Rams are in it," Santos said.

Meanwhile, 150 packed Hyatt Regency Saipan's ballroom with Patriots fans easily outnumbering Rams' supporters at the Garapan landmark's Super Bowl Watch Party.

Hyatt executive chef Gabrielle Colombo said he estimates that New England fans outnumber Los Angeles' with 60 percent of them in the venue bleeding blue, red, and white.

One fan, Jason A. Lizama, said he's been a New England follower ever since he remembers-or at least since Tom Brady replaced Drew Bledsoe under center.

He said the Patriots dynasty will surely continue with a win in Super Bowl LIII even though at the time of the interview they were just ahead, 3-0, in the third quarter.

Mary Anne Lizama and her husband rooted for the Rams because like most of those not supporting the Patriots, they just want another team to go home with the Lombardi Trophy.

At Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's The End Zone at the Chambre, former representative Absalon Waki and Rams supporters didn't mind being outnumbered by Pats fans.

While really a Cowboys fan, Waki said he wants the Rams to win because it's time

for change in the NFL and for the younger generation to take the mantle from Brady and Patriots coach Bill Belichick.

Waki shared the table with fellow Rams fans Carl Hocog and Guam native Benjie Pangelinan. Hocog jokingly said he wants Los Angeles to beat New England because LA is closer to Saipan than Boston.

Pangelinan, who is a baseball legend in Guam, said he was expecting a higher scoring game at 3-3 at the end of the three quarters, but was hopeful that the fireworks would happen in the fourth quarter.

"It was a defensive game that was played well by both teams. Bill Belichick knows how to prepare for defense. They dominated the defensive line and controlled the game," he said, while adding that Brady just did enough to win and Rams quarterback Jared Goff showed his inexperience.

Fiesta's Socorro Huliganga said more than 60 viewers showed up at their Super Bowl party with majority of them indeed rooting for the eventual Super Bowl champions New **England Patriots.**



A group of Patriots fans poses for a photo at Joe's Bar during the halftime break of Super Bowl LIII.

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Rams and Patriots fans react to a play during the fourth quarter of Super Bowl LIII.

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TLANTA—In a Super Bowl short on scoring, it was the New England Patriots' defense that set the tone.

For most of the season, the Patriots have stuck to their principles on defense, making just enough plays to win.

They were much more than that Sunday night against the Los Angeles Rams.

The Patriots battered and bewildered quarterback Jared Goff and the Rams, stifling the NFL's second-ranked scoring en route to a 13-3 Super Bowl

New England quarterback

Tom Brady said the Patriots' defense set the stage for a win that gave fans in England New another set of



bragging rights over rival rooters in LA.

Last October, the Boston Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World

Series.

It also sent linebackers coach Brian Flores, the Patriots' de facto defensive coordinator this season who is

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New England Patriots' Tom Brady holds the trophy and his daughter, Vivian, after the NFL Super Bowl 53 football game against the Los Angeles Rams, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in At-

Goff, Rams' electric offense shorts out



ATLANTA (AP) — Jared Goff remember their embarrassing trudged to the Los Angeles 13-3 loss Sunday as a springconfusion and despair while the crushing flop that it felt like im-Patriots celebrated their interception behind him.

Sean McVay left the sideline and leaned into his ear. The coach didn't say much, but he encouraged his quarterback to learn from a disastrous night in the Super Bowl.

McVay and Goff are likely to be together for many more years, and they hope they'll

Rams' bench, his face betraying board to the future, not the mediately afterward.

> Goff went 19 of 38 for 229 yards with a key fourth-quarter interception, yet even those pedestrian numbers don't reflect his full array of overlooked receivers, inaccurate throws and inability to adjust to the Patriots' defense.

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Los Angeles Rams' Jared Goff (16) reacts after his pass was intercepted during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 53 football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Atlanta.

Brady, Gronkowski set records in Super Bowl win

Tom Brady, again, made Super Bowl history. And he did it without even throwing a touchdown.

With the 13-3 victory against the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII Sunday night, the New England Patriots quarterback set the record for most Super Bowl victories by any player in league history with six.

Brady's record in Super Bowls is now 6-3, and he avoided breaking the dubi-

ous record belonging to former Bills quarterback Jim Kelly for most Super Bowl losses by a quarterback with four. He also avoided becoming the fourth quarterback in NFL history to lose consecutive Super Bowls.

Brady had been tied with former Cowboys and 49ers pass rusher Charles Haley with five victories in Super Bowls.

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